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# 33 days left for parolees

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Starting today, over a thousand foreign workers in the CNMI will have only 33 days to remain in the CNMI legally and—unless a congressional miracle happens in that blink of an eye—these workers will have to exit the CNMI.

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**MEMORIAL DAY-READY**
Over 500 luminaries were set up at the American Memorial Park yesterday afternoon in celebration of Memorial Day today and in remembrance of the fallen and missing during World War II. The Court of Honor is inscribed with the 5,204 names of servicemen who were either killed or missing in action during the World War II Marianas Campaign, and each luminary represents 10 names inscribed on the Court of Honor, while wreaths made by CNMI students are on display.
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## Another delay in generator project for Rota

» From May 19, new completion target date is second week of June

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The contractor of the 1.8-megawatt generator for Rota has failed to meet the extended May 19, 2019, deadline to install the machine after it allegedly encountered some issues in delivering the unit to Rota.

The engine was originally set to arrive on Rota in the second week of May 2019 but, because of one issue after another, the shipment will arrive in Guam tomorrow, May 28, and will then arrive on Rota in the first

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## 'CUC should sue CHCC to collect over $27M debt'

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The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. should go to court to compel the Commonwealth Health Care Corp. to finally do something about the over $27 million it now owes the utility agency, according to acting board chair Weston Deleon Guerrero.

In a board meeting last Friday, Deleon Guerrero said that CUC should take court action against CHCC and have the court decide on CHCC's failure to pay its utilities debt, which has now ballooned to over $27 million.

The subject came up after CUC executive director Gary P. Camacho discussed at the meeting CHCC's failure to pay its $400,000 a month bill. Deleon Guerrero said the court should intervene and decide on the matter as it is the only avenue for CUC to collect the money.

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# Kilili: Republicans block disaster bill, again

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**—Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) said he is appalled that Republicans have again blocked disaster relief funding for the Marianas and over a dozen U.S. states that are still recovering from natural disasters last year.

After weeks of objections from President Donald Trump, the Senate finally passed H.R. 2157 on Thursday afternoon and the House was expected to act Friday morning. But Republican Chip Roy of Texas, a former aide to Texas Republican Sen. Ted Cruz, objected to the swift action during Friday's pro forma session, killing the bill for now.

"I began working immediately after Super Typhoon Yutu struck to make sure the Marianas was well taken care of in a national disaster relief bill—and was very successful," Sablan said. "In the House, we added $36 million for Marianas Medicaid, $25 million for food stamps, $56 million for solid waste facilities, $10 million for water and sewer repairs, and eligibility for tens of millions of dollars of other federal grant funds. The bill the Senate passed Thursday had all of that.

"And now Republicans have killed the bill—which helps mostly Republican states and districts. It is difficult to understand what these people are thinking."

Sablan said he has every intention of continuing to work for Marianas disaster aid. "I feel confident that our Democratic majority in the House will not let this be the last word. Too many Americans are counting on getting help and we will not leave them hanging."

Three times since December the House has passed disaster aid and, until Thursday, the Republican-controlled Senate had taken no action. ***(PR)***

# US, NMI flags at half-staff today

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres directed all CNMI flags in the Commonwealth to be lowered to half-staff today in observance of Memorial Day.

In a proclamation he signed yesterday, Torres said that flags of the Commonwealth will be flown at half-staff today, May 27, 2019, until noon.

This comes soon after President Donald J. Trump gave a similar order for all U.S. flags to be flown at half-staff until noon today.

"As a free people, we have a sacred duty to honor and remember our brave heroes, who have given their last full measure of devotion in defense of our country, freedom, and everything we stand for," Torres said in his proclamation. "We also express our gratitude and appreciation to our military families who have had to sacrifice so much for the greater good of us all. We join the President and the nation in calling upon all Americans to observe Memorial Day as a time of united prayer for peace." ***(PR)***

# 'Accountants critical in business'

By REICA RAMIREZ
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A ranking official of one of the largest companies in the western Pacific underscored the importance of accountants during a recent accountancy and leadership seminar on island.

Speaking at an accounting seminar of the Marianas Institute of Filipino CPAs and Accountants last Saturday at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe, Glicerio "Eli" Arago, who is senior vice president and chief finance officer of TanHoldings Corp., said: "A business cannot move without accountants because [their important role] is to present and evaluate critical financial statements."

Arago, who is also the Philippine honorary consul to the CNMI, is an accountant by profession and he shared what he has learned through his many years of experience as an accountant. He focused on many topics such as leadership values, variance analysis, and management accounting.

He believes it is important to share his experiences because "it's not easy to learn leadership values and management accounting from books." He is grateful to have the opportunity to speak to over 100 participants about businesses and accounting.

Barney's Pizza accountant Armala Ham said she was "very impressed with [Arago's] knowledge of management, finance, accounting, and so much more."

Angelita Mamaril, the 2019-2020 MIFICPA president, was elated by the big turnout of participants. Usually, MIFICPA seminars have less than 100 participants, but last Saturday's seminar was different. She hopes to sustain these types of seminars for their members.

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# DeVos urged to cancel disabled veterans' student debt

Attorneys general from 47 states, three territories and the District of Columbia wrote a letter Friday to Education Secretary Betsy DeVos asking her to cancel student debt for veterans permanently and totally disabled or otherwise unemployable.

The attorneys general requested that the Education Department establish an automatic loan discharge process "to ensure that all eligible veterans can have their student loans forgiven."

They added that over 42,000 veterans are eligible for such discharges, but that only 9,000 applied for them as of last April.

Federal law enables veterans who are totally and permanently disabled to have their student loan debts eliminated, but the attorneys general called the department's process for doing so "inadequate."

The letter was signed by attorneys general from every state except for Texas, Arizona and Alabama. It was also signed by attorneys general from Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and Washington, D.C.

"As a nation, we have a moral obligation to assist those who have put their lives on the line to defend us," they wrote.

The Hill has reached out to Education Department for comment.

"While 'automatic discharge' may seem like a simple solution, there are long-term impacts we want all veterans to have the chance to consider before their loans are discharged," Education Department spokesperson Liz Hill told Politico on Friday.

"A student loan discharge could preclude the veteran from taking out additional federal student loans in the future for continuing education," she added. ***(thehill.com/ Rachel Frazin)***

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Precinct 2 town hall tomorrow

Members of the community are invited to join a town hall meeting with Precinct 2 Reps. Christina Sablan and John Paul Sablan tomorrow, May 28, from 5pm to 7pm, at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe. The two Precinct 2 representatives will take questions and concerns from constituents, and share updates on legislative issues and precinct activities. All are welcome. For more information or to RSVP, call the Office of Rep. Christina Sablan at 664-8829 or the Office of Rep. John Paul Sablan at 664-8965. ***(PR)***

### Public hearing on mandatory fishery data reporting regs

The Department of Lands and Natural Resources Division of Fish and Wildlife is inviting all fishermen, boat owners, restaurant operators, tour operators and all agencies engaged in commercial fishing on Saipan and the Northern Islands that there will be a public hearing on the proposed mandatory data reporting regulations under Pubic Law 17-98, on May 29, 2019, from 5pm to 6pm, at the Carolinian Utt in Garapan. Contact DLNR or DFW for inquiries or to get a copy of the draft regulations at 322-9834 or 664-6000. ***(PR)***

### Weightlifting competition on June 15

The 2019 CNMI Weightlifting Championship will be held on June 15, 2019, a Saturday, at the Roundhouse, Garapan Central Park, starting at 10am.

Registration deadline is noon of June 8, 2019. Entry fee is $10, while the admission fee is $5.

There will also be a competitors' meeting at noon, Saturday, June 8, 2019, at the NMPASI conference room in Gualo Rai, Saipan.

For more information, contact John Davis at 789-9211, Greg Borja at 787-6642, or Jeanne Rayphand at 287-9807. ***(PR)***

### SSHS registration for ongoing students

Saipan Southern High School is now accepting registration forms for ongoing students for SY 2019-2020. Deadline for submission will be on Aug. 21, 2019. All ongoing students must re-register to be enrolled at SSHS. If you have any other questions email Victoria Apatang at victoria.apatang@cnmipss.org. ***(PR)***

### Public invited to Islandwide Cleanup

The Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality would like to invite the public to participate in the two-day Islandwide Cleanup on May 31, from 3pm to 4:30pm and on Saturday, June 1, from 8am to 10am. The event is part of the celebration of Environmental Awareness Week, which will be celebrated on May 28-31, 2019.

If you are interested in participating in the islandwide cleanup, fill up the registration form and submit before 4:30pm on May 21, 2019. Fax the form to BECQ at 664-8540, or email it to the event coordinators:

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## PAROLEES

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That is, unless Gov. Ralph DLG Torres manages to convince U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services to reverse its decision to terminate the categorical parole program.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) said as much over the weekend. "Gov. Torres said he would talk to President Trump people about reversing their decision to get rid of the parolees. That was at the hearing in February and the governor has been in 902 talks since then."

Sablan pointed out that, while the 902 talks include talks about immigration policy, "very few really knows what is being negotiated in 902. But everyone knows the governor will not forget the parolees that Trump wants to kick out."

Sablan did concede the difficulty of getting traction for immigration reform in the U.S. Congress, adding that this was one of the reasons behind the 35-day government shutdown earlier in the year.

"Immigration bills are tough to pass in Congress these days. The recent historically longest federal government shutdown ever was caused by differences over immigration policies," said Sablan in an email to *Saipan Tribune*. "Our own [Northern Mariana Islands U.S.] Workforce Act [of 2018] took over a year to negotiate, pass, and get signed into law."

Sablan's H.R. 559, which was intended to help the status of workers under the categorical parole program and those with employment authorization document, remains in a holding pattern in the U.S. House of Representatives, even as the clock winds down for those affected.

That includes immediate relatives of U.S. citizens and other stateless individuals, CNMI permanent residents and their IRs, IRs of citizens of Freely Associated States (the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau), and caregivers of CNMI residents.

Their status remains in limbo as the 180-day transition window given by USCIS to those affected is set to end in late June.

USCIS made the decision to terminate the categorical parole program early this year. Many of the affected workers were granted status under the administration of former President Barack Obama in 2011.

Without an overriding law by Congress, over 1,000 qualified workers would have to leave the CNMI on or before June 29 this year.

Sablan added that immigration also had an impact in other legislation like the supplemental disaster recovery bill that was held up for months over policy differences on immigration issues.

The Senate passed H.R. 2157 or the Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act of 2019, a bill that would give more funds for the CNMI and other U.S. states that are recovering from various natural disasters last year.

## CUC

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"Let's take it to the court and have it decide," he said.

Deleon Guerrero, however, did not raise a motion before the board to sue CHCC.

In a separate interview, Deleon Guerrero said he did not make a motion to file a court action as he is only serving in an acting capacity in the absence of board chair Miranda V. Manglona.

Deleon Guerrero said he had already stated his position publicly—that a lawsuit should be filed. "I would have made the motion now, but the chairwoman is not here." He said Manglona and the full board should be at the meeting in order to make that decision.

Deleon Guerrero underscored the need to file a lawsuit, citing that CUC did approach CHCC about the billing matter, estimated at now over $27 million.

"It's not them asking us for a meeting to say, 'Hey, can we pay our bill?' We are the ones approaching them, saying 'Hey, we really need you to pay your bill,'" he said.

Deleon Guerrero pointed out that CHCC has already come up with a rate schedule to make sure that they are able to pay their physicians and staff. CHCC states in that rate schedule that they've put in a utility rate as part of their overall rate, he added.

Deleon Guerrero said he is assuming that CHCC did include utilities when they changed their rate schedule, that they have already accounted for their CUC billing in their hospital rates.

Deleon Guerrero said it's CHCC's discretion on how it would spend the money collected that is supposed to be used to pay for utilities.

It makes no sense to him that CHCC added its utilities expenses to its rate equation, yet it does not give the money that it is collecting to CUC.

Deleon Guerrero said they have gone back and forth with CHCC, which always admit that they owe CUC.

"It's not enough to just admit they owe the money. They need to say 'yes," they owe the money but they also have to act on it, which is the most important thing, which is to pay the money," he said.

Deleon Guerrero said CHCC just can't just say, 'Well, I'm sorry, this is what it is. This is only what we can pay.'

Deleon Guerrero said CUC cannot go to Mobil Oil Marianas and just apologize, telling the company that they failed to collect money from CHCC, the Commonwealth Ports Authority, or from the central government.

Last April, CUC executive director Camacho said that, according to CHCC, it can only afford to pay $71,000 a month at this time because of other obligations.

Camacho said it is his understanding that CHCC has not made payment, "not even the $71,000."

Camacho underscored the need to be creative to work something out to collect the receivables or debts.

Last March, CUC reported that CHCC owes the utilities agency $27.4 million. Last April, the debt reached $27.7 million.

## GENERATOR

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week of June.

The entire project is worth $690,000.

In his report to the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. board at their meeting last Friday, CUC contracting specialist John Mafnas said the contractor's shipment of the generator from the U.S. mainland got bumped off due to an oversized military cargo.

Mafnas said the contractor's shipment was, instead, scheduled for the third week of April, causing the delay.

"But it is on its way," he said.

He said he spoke with the contractor last Thursday, who informed him that they are expecting to commission the unit by the second week of June.

He said the contractor was supposed to deliver and install the unit last May 19, which was the extension that it had previously asked for, which CUC had granted.

Since the project is already beyond the deadline, what can CUC do? asked acting CUC board chair Weston Deleon Guerrero.

Mafnas said that, under the contract, the contractor can be fined $3,500 per day in liquidated damages for any unreasonable delay.

When asked if CUC had already reminded the contractor about the liquidated damages, Mafnas said they have sought the advice of the Office of the Attorney General before sending such a letter to the contractor.

Mafnas said the contractor has already said that they should be excused since the delay is beyond their control.

He said the contractor is already sending its crew to Rota to do the electrical and panel works.

In a separate interview, Deleon Guerrero said he has some questions for the CUC management about the matter, including obtaining proof for the reason behind the delay and "if it is really outside of their control."

Deleon Guerrero said if the delay is on the contractor's part, he believes that CUC could go after the contractor for liquidated damages for delaying the project.

Deleon Guerrero said the generator set was supposed to be commissioned last May 19, including the extension period granted by CUC.

He said there was an issue about the foundation, on where to install the generator, so CUC granted a 24-day extension.

Last April, Mafnas said that, with the 24-day delay, it will take the contractor 60 days to complete the whole project.

The CUC board of directors had already re-affirmed the electric power emergency declaration on Rota and approved the selection of the International Bridge and Construction Marianas Inc. to procure, deliver, and install the generator.

The original arrival date of the engine set on Rota was the second week of May 2019.

Last Jan. 25, CUC's board of directors approved the emergency and procurement method.

CUC executive director Gary P. Camacho then asked the board to reaffirm the emergency declaration and approve the selection of IBCM to supply the generator. The CUC board approved Camacho's request.

Rep. Edwin K. Propst (Ind-Saipan) earlier questioned why CUC's selection committee changed its decision to choose IBCM.

Propst said IBCM was connected to a similar deal with CUC that raised a lot of red flags about two years ago.

# High Court reverses order dismissing case

On May 23, 2019, the Supreme Court issued its opinion in *Foster v. Commonwealth*, reversing the CNMI Superior Court orders that granted the Commonwealth's motion to dismiss with prejudice.

Jay Foster sought the High Court's review after the trial court issued its order granting the Commonwealth's Motion to dismiss with prejudice and order denying plaintiff's motion for reconsideration. In reversing the orders, the Supreme Court made a finding that a claim without a sum certain is a defective claim and requires courts to permit claimants to refile a new claim to the attorney general within 60 days pursuant to the Government Liability Act.

In 2013, Foster sued Dr. Ruben Arafiles for medical malpractice. In Foster's complaint, he requested various damages "in the amount to be proven at trial."

Following Section 2210(a) of the GLA, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands certified Arafiles as acting within the scope of his employment when the alleged malpractice occurred. The Commonwealth filed a notice requesting substitution of the Commonwealth for Arafiles as the party-defendant. At the same time, the Commonwealth moved to dismiss Foster's complaint alleging he had not presented his claim for damages to the attorney general in accordance with the GLA. Subsequently, the court stayed the proceedings while Foster and the Commonwealth attempted mediation to come to a settlement.

Foster issued a letter to the Commonwealth with his complaint attached and completely unchanged. In the months following, the parties did not reach a settlement. The court subsequently issued an order dismissing with prejudice, precluding Foster from pursuing a lawsuit against the Commonwealth. In particular, the court claimed that Foster "had already presented [his] claim to the attorney general." Because Foster did not specify a "sum certain," the court did not have jurisdiction and Foster was barred from instituting suit against the Commonwealth. Foster moved for reconsideration claiming that because he did not present a sum certain, he failed to present a claim at all, and should therefore be given 60 days to refile his claim pursuant to the GLA. The court denied reconsideration, stating that Foster had "exhaust[ed] any possible recourse."

The Supreme Court considered the parameters of the requirements on claim presentment in the GLA. Looking at the statute's plain language, the provisions in the context of the entire statute, and the legislative intent behind the GLA, the High Court found that where a plaintiff claimant fails to indicate a sum certain, the claimant has failed to present a claim at all. In particular, the High Court acknowledged that interpreting a claim without a sum certain as a claim of zero-dollars would mean that a claimant could never pursue a lawsuit against the Commonwealth. It reasoned that this could not be the intent of the Legislature who sought to provide "greater net recoveries for deserving claimants."

As a result, the Supreme Court reversed the trial court's orders, remanding the case for further proceedings consistent with the opinion.

The High Court's full opinion is available at http://www.cnmilaw.org/supreme18.html For further information, contact the Supreme Court at 236-9800. ***(PR)***

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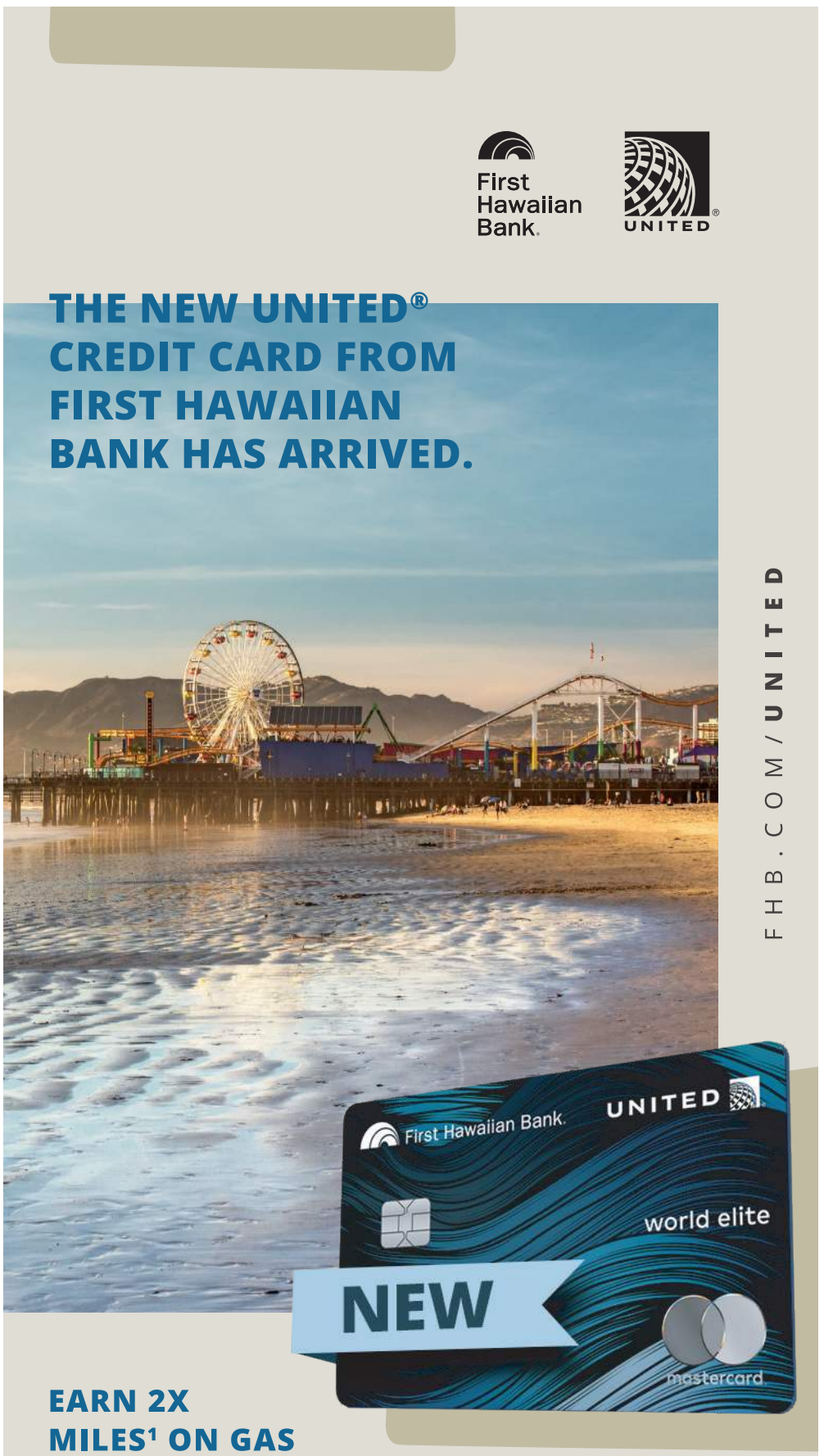


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# $30K donated to help rebuild Tinian church's social hall

Tim Chen, president of Tinian Entertainment Co., has donated $30,000 to the Friends of San Jose Church Tinian, with the amount to be used to help rebuild the San Jose Church social hall on Tinian.

"We are so incredibly fortunate to have friends around the world who care about Tinian and who are willing to help us rebuild our church," said Dawn Sarmiento, co-chair of the non-profit organization.

Chen described watching the many videos that showed the catastrophic destruction of the island caused by Super Typhoon Yutu as "very saddening."

"I wish nothing but the best for the people of Tinian and I hope that my contribution will help them continue with their efforts to fully recover from the typhoon," he said.

Tim Chen, president of Tinian Entertainment Co., second from right, joins Tinian officials during a recent get-together.

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Chen said he "fell in love with the pristine beauty of Tinian the minute I stepped onto the island. …I have deep affection for the island that goes beyond wanting to invest there. The people are very friendly and the island is very peaceful."

The Friends of San Jose Church Tinian is hoping to begin construction of the church's social hall, which will be used as a temporary place of worship while rebuilding the new church, before December 2019.

"I pledge to continue helping the Friends of San Jose Church Tinian by encouraging all my friends to help in any way that they can," said Chen.

The officers of the non-profit organization are Sarmiento, co-chair; Richard Lazaro, vice chair; Ian Pascua, secretary and Teruko King, treasurer.

The non-profit also held a fundraiser at annual Tinian San Jose Fiesta, raising close to $10,000 in a two-day period.

All proceeds will go toward rebuilding of the group's first project, which is the Tinian social hall.

"We are working on finalizing the design of the social hall and hope to begin construction before the end of the year. We are not quite there yet financially to announce a definitive date but, with hard work and aggressive fundraising efforts and outreach, I am confident that we can reach our goal," said Kimberlyn King-Hinds, who is a member of the group.

If you want to make a donation or follow the progress of the group, follow their Facebook page by liking Friends of the San Jose Church Tinian. ***(PR)***

# Last call for MINA Green Awards nominations

The Micronesia Islands Nature Alliance is reminding the community that June 1, 2019, is the deadline to make nominations for its annual Green Awards to be presented at their Green Gala on Sept. 13, 2019.

The award categories are as follows:

■ Environmental Champion Award: An individual who has demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to the environment and conservation of our natural resources.

■ Environmental Heroes Award: A school or student organization, public or private, whose dedication to the environment is echoed through its students and all the work that they do in protecting our natural resources.

■ Green Business of the Year Award: A business that is committed to conservation and has incorporated the green business culture through its entire company.

Nominations must include: 1) Your name and contact information; 2) Your nominee and the category nominated for, and 3) A one-page narrative explaining why your nominee should be selected.

Send nominations on or before the deadline of June 1, 2019, to Roberta K. Guerrero at rguerrero.mina@gmail.com, and remember to save the date for the annual Green Gala for Sept. 13, 2019, Fiesta Resort and Spa Saipan's Hibiscus Hall. ***(PR)***

# USEPA to award up to $9.24 million in beach water quality monitoring grants

**SAN FRANCISCO**—As the nation heads into the summer beach season, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has begun awarding up to $9.24 million across 39 states, territories and tribes to develop and implement beach monitoring and notification programs.

Upon meeting the eligibility requirements, coastal states and territories in Region 9—California, Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam, and the CNMI—will receive $1.63 million.

**» California, Hawaii and Pacific territories expected to receive total of $1.6M**

"…EPA is doing its part to make sure our coastal and Great Lakes waters are clean and healthy for beachgoers this summer**,"** said EPA administrator Andrew Wheeler. "These grants will increase public information about water quality at our beaches and help our state and local partners conduct testing and address potential sources of contamination."

"Our focus is to protect the incomparable coastal waters of California, Hawaii and the Pacific islands," said EPA Pacific Southwest Regional Administrator Mike Stoker. «These funds will support our local partners as they monitor beach water quality and make the results available to the public.»

Under the Beaches Environmental Assessment and Coastal Health Act, EPA awards grants to eligible state, territorial and tribal applicants to help them and their government partners monitor water quality at coastal and Great Lakes beaches.

When bacteria levels are too high for safe swimming, these agencies notify the public by posting beach warnings or closing the beach.

Since 2002, state and local governments, territories and tribes have used nearly $167 million in EPA BEACH Act grants to monitor beaches for fecal indicator bacteria, maintain and operate public notification systems, identify local pollution sources, and report results of monitoring and notification activities to EPA.

As part of EPA's efforts to better protect Americans who plan to swim and play in or near the water the summer, the agency recently issued recommendations for water quality criteria and swimming advisory values for two cyanotoxins. Algal blooms caused by cyanobacteria sometimes produce cyanotoxins that can be harmful to people recreating in or on the water when present above certain concentrations. EPA's recommendations are available for states to consider if they develop water quality standards or local swimming advisories for cyanotoxins.

EPA also released infographics that states and communities can use to communicate basic information about harmful algal blooms to the public**.** States, tribes and waterbody managers can download handout- and poster-sized infographic files, along with instructions on how to add local contact information, from EPA's newly refreshed Cyanobacterial HABs website. EPA's 2019 BEACH Act grant funding, contingent upon meeting the eligibility requirements, will be allocated to the following states and territories:

■ American Samoa, $301,000
■ California, $413,000
■ Guam, $301,000
■ Hawaii, $312,000
■ Northern Mariana Islands, $302,000

For specific information on grants under the BEACH Act, grant guidance, and contact information for state and local beach programs, visit www.epa.gov/beach-tech/beach-grants.

To check on the latest closings and advisories at particular beaches, the public should contact the relevant state, tribal or territorial beach program listed at www.epa.gov/beaches/state-territorial-tribal-and-epa-beach-program-contacts.

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# Hawaii woman missing for 2 weeks rescued from Maui forest

**WAILUKU, Hawaii** (AP)— A Hawaii woman has been found alive in a forest on Maui island after going missing more than two weeks ago.

Amanda Eller was found injured in the Makawao Forest Reserve, the Maui News reported Friday.

Family spokeswoman Sarah Haynes confirmed she spoke with Eller's father, John. Eller was airlifted to safety.

"I was crying tears of joy," Eller's mother, Julia, said. "I never gave up hope for a minute. I knew that we would find her."

The physical therapist from the Maui town of Haiku went missing on May 8. Her white Toyota RAV4 was found in the forest parking lot with her phone and wallet inside.

Hundreds of volunteers have searched for her since.

Rescue leads Javier Cantellops, top, and Chris Berquist show some of the technology used for the search of Amana Eller at the Makawao Forest Reserve base camp on Saturday, May 25, 2019 in Wailuku, Maui. AP

Eller's parents had offered a $10,000 reward to encourage people to find her.

Javier Cantellops said he was searching for Eller from a helicopter along with Chris Berquist and Troy Helmers when they spotted her about 3:45 p.m. near the Kailua reservoir, according to Maui Police Department spokesman Lt. Gregg Okamoto and the Honolulu Star-Advertiser.

Cantellops told the newspaper that she was in the bed of a creek with waterfalls on either side.

He told CNN he saw Eller waving her hands at the helicopter.

"It was unbelievable, dude," Cantellops said. "Seeing her for the first time in a long time was just unbelievable. It was nothing short of elation."

Eller was in an area with thick vegetation, he said. "That vegetation is so thick, it's a miracle that we saw her," Cantellops told CNN.

The Maui Fire Department brought Eller to a hospital for evaluation, Okamoto said in a statement.

Her mother told the Maui News that Amanda Eller survived by staying near a water source and eating wild raspberries and strawberry guavas. She even ate a couple of moths, Julia Eller said.

Her daughter tried to catch some crawfish, but she was "not very successful," Julia Eller said.

"She lost quite a bit of weight, as you can imagine, being lost for that amount of time," Julia Eller said. "But she was able to survive it. She had the right skills and did the right things to buy time so that we had a chance to find her."

Amanda Eller suffered a leg fracture, abrasions on her ankles and a severe sunburn, but Julia Eller told the Maui News that her daughter's spirits were good.

"And all of those things are treatable," Julia Eller said.

A photo was posted to a Facebook page tracking the search, showing a smiling Eller with what appeared to be injuries to her face and dirt on her clothing. The photo shows Eller surrounded by Cantellops, Berquist and Helmers.

Maui County Mayor Michael Victorino said he's grateful for the efforts of family, friends, volunteers and first-responders.

"This search and rescue was truly a community collaboration of Maui County first responders, family, friends and community volunteers," Victorino said in a statement. "I extend my deepest appreciation for everyone involved in searching for and locating Amanda. Your work, determination and sacrifice has helped return her to her loving family. God bless them all."

# Tan, Lee lead graduating class of SIS

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Saipan International School's graduation ceremony for its Class of 2019 last Saturday at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan was unusual in that it featured two valedictorians and one salutatorian.

With Tania Tan and Michael Lee as the class valedictorians and Prunella Pellegrino as the salutatorian, SIS headmaster Ron Snyder noted that this happens because, at SIS, only a student's final grade point average is considered after rounding off.

Snyder recalled that the school's Class of 2017 had two salutatorians. "We go with the highest GPA for the valedictorian and the second highest for the salutatorian," he explained. "Sometimes, they are so close to one another that they are virtual ties."

"This year, we have two valedictorians because they both have a 4.3 GPA," he added.

Tan has been accepted to New York City's Fordham University in the Bronx.

In an interview, she said she would first represent the CNMI at the 2019 Pacific Games in American Samoa in track and field and tennis.

"…After that, I would be going to college," she said. She is still unsure about what degree to pursue. "I have applied undecided so I am not too sure at the moment but, hopefully, as the years go by in college, I will be able to find out what I want to major in college," she said.

**TANIA TAN**
Valedictorian

**MICHAEL LEE**
Valedictorian

**PRUNELLA PELLEGRINO**
Salutatorian

**» Class of 2019 has two valedictorians**

Her co-valedictorian, Lee, would be entering the Air Force Academy to pursue his dreams of being a pilot.

"I am aiming to be a pilot, so we'll see what will happen," he said, noting that it has been his dream to become a pilot for four years now.

Pellegrino, who was caught unawares that she would be named salutatorian of the class, said she intends to stay on Saipan for most of the summer "and then going to the Oxford College of Emory University in Georgia."

Pellegrino would be taking up business as her major, she said.

"I don't really like thinking too far ahead into the future so, for now, [post-graduation plans] are undecided," she said.

The Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan's Hibiscus Hall was packed Saturday with friends and families of the graduating class.

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Members of Saipan International School's Class of 2019 are feted in rites at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan's Hibiscus Hall.

## Navy sets underwater training in Guam

**ASAN, Guam**—The U.S. Navy Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit 5 will conduct routine underwater detonation training on May 30, in outer Apra Harbor, from 8am to 4pm.

EODMU-5 will detonate a total of 5 lbs of explosives at the designated UNDET location on a sandy area of the sea floor.

For the safety of the public and participants involved, the Coast Guard will establish safety zones to restrict access in the vicinity of the training area.

EODMU-5 performs routine underwater detonation training to develop the skills needed to be ready to rapidly respond to operational missions and unexploded ordnance support on Guam and the CNMI.

The Navy conducted a multi-year environmental analysis, which the National Marine Fisheries Service, under the Marine Mammal Protection Act and Endangered Species Act, granted the Navy authorization to conduct underwater detonation training. The Navy is a committed environmental steward and employs protective measures to safeguard marine resources.

For the safety of personnel and marine life, the area will be visually cleared by divers and by lookouts on the surface before, during, and after the exercise. All activity will cease temporarily if a person or marine life is seen in the area. ***(PR)***

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# After decades of fraudulent claims, it's time to regulate supplements industry

A crackdown by both the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the Federal Trade Commission on 12 supplement makers selling 58 products that claimed to help Alzheimer's patients is just the latest in decades of reports about fraud in the supplement industry. In 2016, Sen. Claire McCaskill, D-Missouri, successfully pushed Amazon to stop selling the "Brain Armor" supplement that claimed to stave off dementia. In 2015, an investigation by the New York attorney general's office found that not only did supplements sold by GNC, Target, Walmart and Walgreens make grand claims about their efficacy, they often contained little or none of the "medicinal herbs" that allegedly provided medical relief.

Given that more than half of American adults use supplements and that it is a $120 billion-plus annual industry, it is astounding that supplements are so lightly regulated. But Congress has repeatedly blocked attempts to make supplement producers back up health claims. A 1994 law lobbied for by the supplements industry specifically exempts supplements from being reviewed for effectiveness or safety before they are sold—unlike prescription drugs.

Government regulations can go too far and have contributed to problems like California's housing shortage. But when it comes to products that have a long history of making false claims about medical benefits, regulation is appropriate—and overdue.

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# How this trade war will remake the world

**By KARL W. SMITH**
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President Donald Trump has long said the goal of his trade policy is simply to get better deals for Americans. But as the trade war intensifies, it seems increasingly likely that his policies will lead to something more: a lasting break with China and a new alignment of global power.

First, consider the evidence for the break. The current impasse in trade talks was sparked by a sudden change in terms on the part of the Chinese negotiators. This change likely caught the administration off guard, but Trump's response is notable: He immediately ramped up tariffs, then announced a ban on business with Chinese telecommunications firm and national champion Huawei Technologies Co.

These actions have backed Chinese President Xi Jinping into a corner and turned the trade dispute into a matter of Chinese national pride. This limits the possibility not only of a quick resolution, but also of the chances that the Chinese people will accept any concessions to the U.S.

Trump's handling of this situation stands in sharp contrast to his negotiating strategy on other issues. Though the president railed against NAFTA throughout his campaign, he's touted its replacement as a huge success, even though it is only cosmetically different, and has been willing to suspend his tariffs on Canada and Mexico to ease its passage through Congress. Likewise, Trump has been more than willing to trumpet his successful negotiations with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un even though the evidence for such success is thin. Meanwhile, the president's tough talk against Europe and Japan for their trade practices, and against NATO allies for their defense spending, has been mostly bluster.

When it comes to China, however, the president is doubling down. He has encouraged U.S. supply chains to move out of China and established subsidy programs to cushion farmers from the effects of a protracted trade war.

Which leads to the long-term implications of this battle. A protracted trade war would almost guarantee a global realignment. Supply chains that run through both the U.S. and China would constantly be subject to disruptions, so global manufacturers would have to decide whether to pursue an America-centric or China-centric strategy.

That's already the case in the digital sphere, where Chinese restrictions on the internet divide the world into two parts: that which is served by U.S. tech giants such as Google and Facebook, and that which relies on Chinese firms such as Baidu and WeChat. China's threat to cut off U.S. access to rare-earth minerals points to a potential bifurcation in commodities markets as well.

The trend is clear: As China's economic and geopolitical power grows, countries within China's sphere of influence will feel increasing pressure to integrate their economies with Chinese supply chains and multinationals rather than American ones.

At the same time, as my Bloomberg Opinion colleague Tyler Cowen points out, the rise of China is a main driver of populist sentiment in the U.K. and Australia. This creates political pressure in those countries for further isolation from China. In the U.S., Trump has made it clear that he sees the trade war with China as politically advantageous for him, and he's probably right. It's probably also true that this anti-China sentiment will outlast him.

Add up all these factors, and the U.S.-China trade war looks like the beginning of a profound break in the global order. As China and the U.S. form two opposing economic and geopolitical coalitions, the rest of the world will be forced to choose. Maybe the European Union can form a third unaligned pole, as France and Germany's membership in the EU (and the U.K.'s absence from it) provides them with the negotiating power to avoid falling under the Chinese or American sphere of influence.

Of course, in some ways this type of multipolar alignment would be a return to the past. The dual-superpower world that existed for much of the second half of the 20th century was always an exception, and the era of American supremacy that began after the collapse of the Soviet Union was never going to last. Until recently, however, a new kind of bipolar arrangement seemed possible: a kind of competitive partnership between China and the U.S., with the EU playing a supporting role. The events of the last few weeks have left that looking increasingly unlikely.

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# Remember the true meaning of Memorial Day

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If you've lost someone to war or conflict, every day is a kind of Memorial Day.

For the rest of us, once a year we are called upon to actively honor the sacrifice of our uniformed men and women who've died in service to our nation.

People have a "tendency ... to forget the purpose of Memorial Day and make it a day for games, races and revelry, instead of a day of memory and tears."'

No, this is not a recent tweet or a pithy social media caption. It was uttered by a veteran in 1913, who felt the meaningfulness of Memorial Day was slipping through the American conscience.

While the nuances of Memorial Day are debated in the historical community, the most important takeaway is that its origins are in the Civil War.

This is of particular note because every American lost someone in that bloody conflict. An estimated 752,000 were killed—2.4% of the population in 1860. Comparatively, if 2.4% were killed in our wars with Iraq and Afghanistan right now, those killed in action would total 7.8 million.

That is nearly the equivalent of the combined population of Los Angeles, Chicago and Dallas or the entirety of Washington state. From a different angle, that's more Americans than died in World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam Afghanistan and Iraq combined.

So when Memorial Day, or Decoration Day in its infancy, was established, every single American was memorializing or remembering someone killed at war. The burden was shared and the cost of war was well understood by the entire nation.

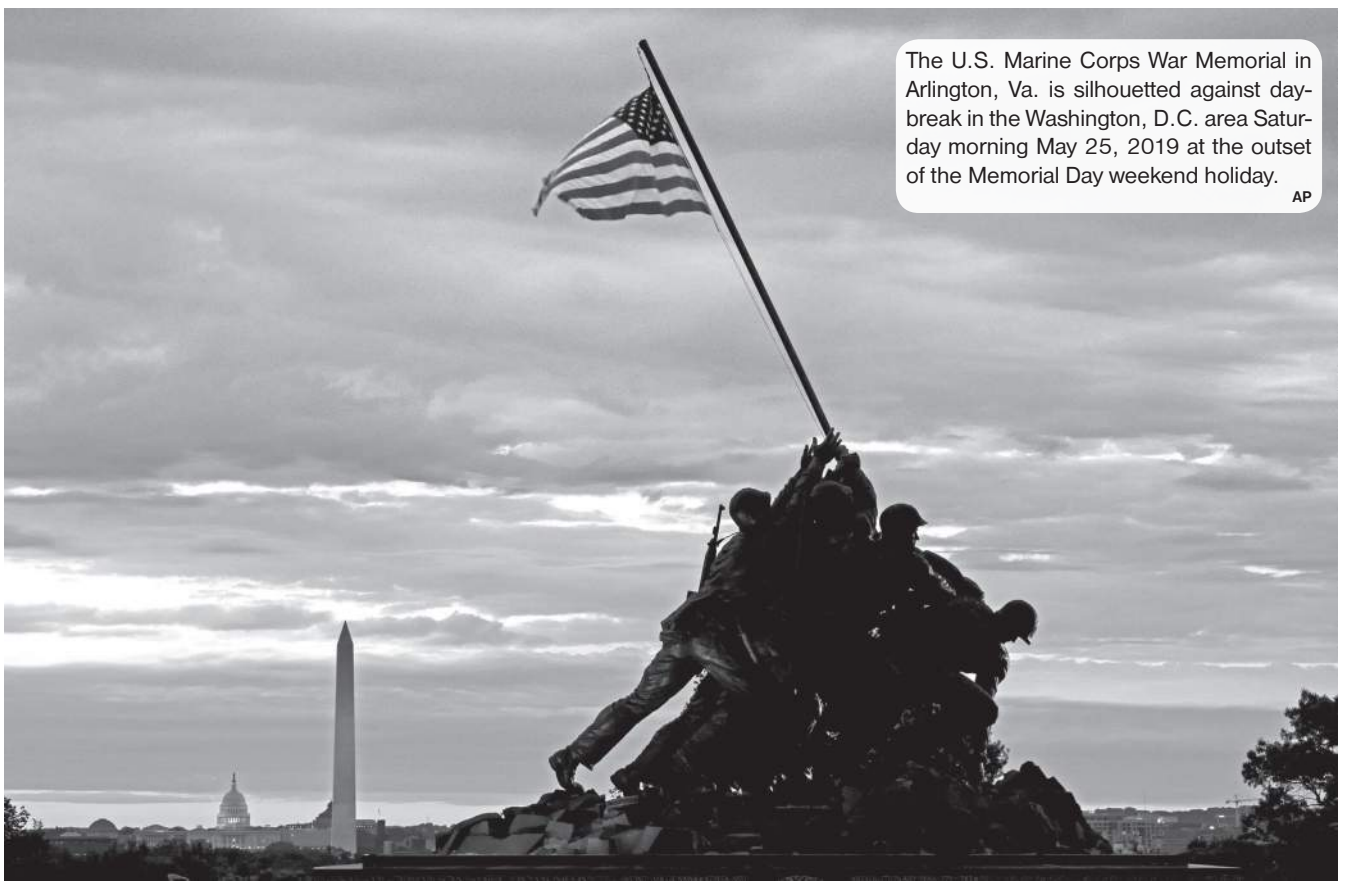
In a different way, the same might be said about nearly every conflict until 1973, when the draft was abolished. Arguably, the civilian-military divide has only grown wider since then, with less than 1% of our population serving in Iraq or Afghanistan.

Simply put, there are entire towns across America whose families have not sent a single son or daughter to our nation's longest war.

To that point, in 2001, a Gallup poll established that only 28% of Americans knew the actual meaning and purpose of Memorial Day. A vast majority of the post-9/11 veteran population believes that the civilian public does not understand their or their families' problems, a belief shared by the majority of the general population. Moreover, half of Americans say the recent wars have made little difference in their lives.

In an effort to combat this nonchalance and societal malaise, Congress established a National Moment of Remembrance to be observed every Memorial Day at 3 p.m. The time is intentional, predicated on the belief it is when most Americans are the busiest, bustling about and enjoying their day.

The purpose: "to remember and renew the legacy of Memorial Day with greater strides made to demonstrate appreciation of those loyal people of the United States whose values, represented by their sacrifices, are critical to the future of the United States."



The U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial in Arlington, Va. is silhouetted against daybreak in the Washington, D.C. area Saturday morning May 25, 2019 at the outset of the Memorial Day weekend holiday. AP

Great intention, poor execution.

We need fewer moments of silence and more moments of talking about service and sacrifice to our younger generations. It is not in the multitude of silence that change occurs, it is in moments when thousands of men and women who've "borne the battle" raise their voices in memory of those who have gone before.

If we are to truly honor those who gave their last full of measure of devotion, we must be active, not passive, in our strides to impress those values upon the broad public.

We are most at risk when we forget where we come from, where we've been, and who was there. As the 75th anniversary of D-Day approaches, this Memorial Day feels particularly poignant. The last vestiges of the Greatest Generation are upon us, as the Korean and Vietnam War veterans enter their twilight.

Too soon, the burden of remembering will be passed along to those who did not experience such things first hand. The post-9/11 veteran generation must recognize its promise to uphold the honor and dignity of their sacrifice, while sharing our own.

We must volunteer again, this time to speak at a local elementary, middle, or high school_ our presence a tangible reminder that freedom is only one generation away from extinction.

Schools, universities and employers must open their doors and their minds. Not as a handout, but as an acknowledgment that every American is beholden to the future of our nation and the inculcation of her values.

Even in a time when our differences feel vast and insurmountable, we can and must rally around this cause.

There are no shortages of threats to life and liberty. There might yet come again a time when the entirety of the nation finds itself mourning and remembering the loss of significant American life.

As you enter into your festivities, be it a barbecue or a trip to the cemetery whose hollowed ground holds someone dear, commit to the potential of America. Seek out opportunities to engage veterans, past, present, and future, so together we can honor the sacrifice and service of those who have gone before while realizing the promise of an even brighter future.

# Why is media ignoring Christian persecution?

**By JOHN J. LOMBARDI**
THE BALTIMORE SUN

Some media and others today either ignore or deplore claims of Christian persecution, even though prominent and numerous facts mount.

Witness the recent Easter Sri Lanka slaughter of hundreds. On Mother's Day, a Catholic priest was killed with six others during a mass in West Africa. The ruling Chinese Communist party has destroyed churches and jailed evangelical preachers. There is a near genocide of Christians in Iraq.

Vice President Mike Pence recently gave a speech at Liberty University and warned the graduates there of Christian persecution. And he was pilloried.

Lest you think all this is hyped, a recent study by the Anglican Church, ordered by Britain's Foreign Secretary, Jeremy Hunt, found that 80% of religious persecution is against Christians.

We may also recall, near and far, present and past: Chik-fil-A boycotts. Beheadings in the Mediterranean. Nearly 300 girls abducted and enslaved by Boko-Haram in Nigeria. Southern Baptist worshippers killed by a racist- nationalist. The Sudan-Darfur massacres.

Add to the above, the Christian baker in Denver persecuted. Terrorists bombing Catholics in the Philippines. The recent ransacking of churches in France. Tim Tebow, football star, ridiculed for his "Christian purity," and the Little Sisters of the Poor in California being pushed to act against their religion.

I recently said mass in Washington, and a young man vibrantly decried the lack of leadership regarding our Catholic Church abuses and cover-ups, "I want someone to get angry and speak about this!"

He is right. But where is the outrage for Christian persecution?

There is discrimination and persecution against Muslims and Jews, for sure, but not at the level Christians around the world see. Both in number and proportion, no other religion or group has been persecuted and killed like Christians.

Perhaps we neglect or reject that fact because Christians have been dominant in the West for nearly 2,000 years, and some think it's time for a change. And so, media under-report Christian persecution. Basically, as Britain's Foreign Secretary, Mr. Hunt, said, it's "political correctness" that silences the outcry against Christian persecution—along with charges of "colonialism" against Christianity.

And yet, the British Anglican report outlined discrimination against Christians through destruction of Christian symbols, abduction of clergy, biased education textbooks, hate speech targeting believers, arrests and intimidation.

Further, Mr. Hunt said that most of the persecutions today are against poor and non-white persons. Could the media and the West now be biased against minorities, even Christian ones?

Every month, about 345 Christians are killed and 105 churches or Christian buildings are razed or pillaged, according to Nina Shea of the Hudson Institute. Ten% of Christians worldwide experience persecution. There is the "hard-core" kind, including physical violence against Christians, usually overseas; and the "soft-core" kind, such as religious discrimination and bigotry as we see more of in our country.

But acknowledging it is somehow seen as an affront to "multiculturalism" or anti-modern.

Meanwhile, people are dying.

Where is the passionate cry of that young man I met in Washington, that combines courage and wisdom for Christians today, minority and otherwise?

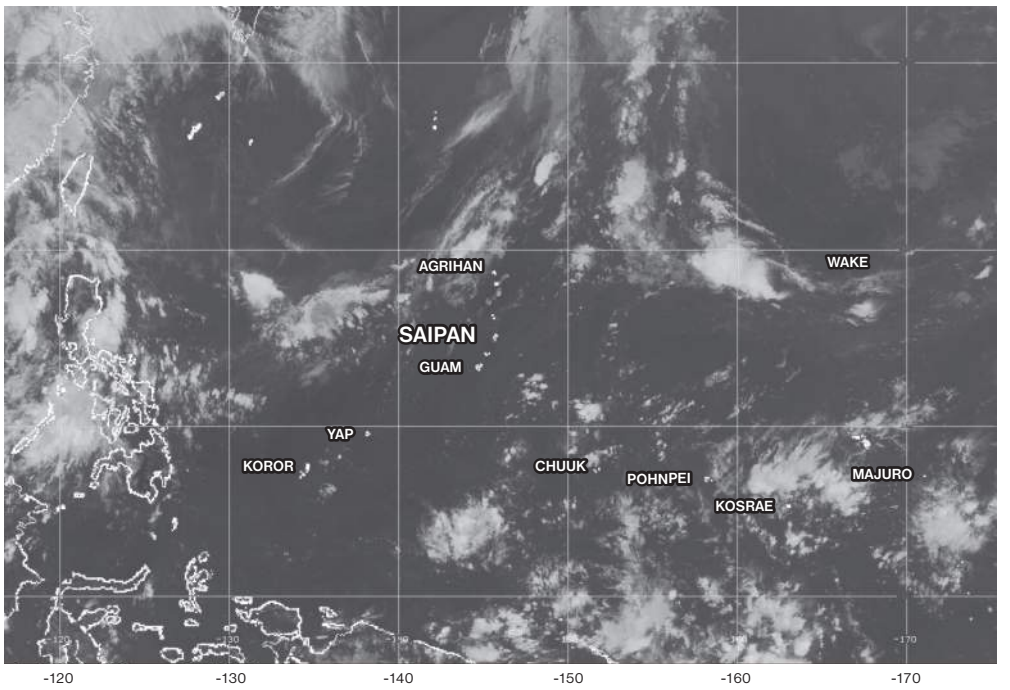
*Rev. John J. Lombardi is pastor of St. Peter Catholic Church in Hancock, Md.*

# The Weather

## 5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

| TODAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Partly sunny with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. East winds 5 to 15 mph. | Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. East winds 5 to 15 mph. | Partly cloudy with isolated showers. | Partly cloudy with isolated showers. | Partly cloudy with isolated showers. |
| 87° / 77° | 87° / 78° | 89° / 78° | 89° / 78° | 89° / 78° |

## YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE




**PICTURE TIME: 6:57 AM, SUNDAY, MAY 26, 2019**
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Conditions are quieting down across the Marianas from overnight thunderstorms out over the waters and scattered showers early this morning at Tinian and Saipan. A surface trough is just east of the Marianas while a stationary front remains perched about 400 miles northwest of the islands.

*Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/*

| MICRONESIA | | ▲ ▼ °F |
|---|---|---|
| Guam and Rota | Thunderstorms | 87° / 79° |
| Palau | Thunderstorms | 86° / 79° |
| Yap | Thunderstorms | 88° / 81° |
| Chuuk | Thunderstorms | 87° / 81° |
| Pohnpei | Thunderstorms | 85° / 78° |
| Kosrae | Thunderstorms | 85° / 78° |
| Majuro | Thunderstorms | 85° / 80° |

| AROUND THE GLOBE | | ▲ ▼ °F |
|---|---|---|
| Auckland | Rain | 66° / 57° |
| Beijing | Sunny | 90° / 59° |
| Hong Kong | Thunderstorms | 84° / 79° |
| Honolulu | Showers | 86° / 74° |
| London | Mostly Cloudy | 66° / 50° |
| Los Angeles | Sunny | 66° / 55° |
| Manila | Thunderstorms | 93° / 81° |
| Melbourne | Showers | 59° / 46° |
| Miami | Sunny | 84° / 76° |
| New York | Partly Cloudy | 79° / 61° |
| Osaka | Rain | 75° / 63° |
| Paris | Cloudy | 68° / 48° |
| Busan | Mostly Cloudy | 72° / 57° |
| Rome | Rain | 66° / 57° |
| Salem | Mostly Cloudy | 95° / 71° |
| San Francisco | Partly Cloudy | 59° / 52° |
| Seoul | Sunny | 77° / 54° |
| Tokyo | Cloudy | 82° / 66° |
| Washington, DC | Partly Cloudy | 83° / 69° |

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| TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY | | FEET |
|---|---|---|
| 2:48 AM | LOW TIDE | 1.76 |
| 9:05 AM | HIGH TIDE | 1.05 |
| 1:14 PM | LOW TIDE | 1.32 |
| 8:14 PM | HIGH TIDE | 0.38 |

| DAY | SUNRISE | SUNSET |
|---|---|---|
| Today | 5:46 AM | 6:42 PM |
| Tuesday | 5:46 AM | 6:42 PM |
| Wednesday | 5:46 AM | 6:42 PM |
| Thursday | 5:46 AM | 6:43 PM |
| Friday | 5:45 AM | 6:43 PM |

| DAY | MOONRISE | MOONSET | MOONRISE |
|---|---|---|---|
| Today | 12:46 AM | 12:39 PM | - |
| Tuesday | 1:25 AM | 1:26 PM | - |
| Wednesday | 2:02 AM | 2:14 PM | - |
| Thursday | 2:39 AM | 3:01 PM | - |
| Friday | 3:17 AM | 3:51 PM | - |

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## FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MAY 10, 2019

### DEPARTURES

**SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| UA117 | 9:15am | 9:56am | Daily |
| UA105 | 6:25pm | 7:05pm | 2, 4 |

**SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 7C3451 | 3:10am | 6:10am | 1, 3, 5, 7 |
| 7C3451 | 3:30am | 6:30am | 4 |

**SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TW308 | 1:35am | 5:20am | Daily |
| OZ626 | 2:20am | 6:00am | 1 |
| OZ62 | 2:50am | 6:30am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 |
| 7C3403 | 4:45am | 8:35am | 2, 4, 5 |
| 7C3403 | 5:10am | 8:55am | 1, 7 |
| 7C3401 | 4:10pm | 7:45pm | Daily |

**SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3U8648 | 6:10am | 8:50am | 1, 4, 5, 7 |

**SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (HGH)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| JD396 | 7:30am | 11:00am | 1 |
| JD396 | 4:50pm | 7:55pm | 4 |

**SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3U8646 | 4:30am | 7:55am | 2, 6 |

**SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| MU764 | 1:30am | 6:00am | 3, 5, 7 |

**SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ626/701 | 2:20am | 11:05am | 1 via ICN |
| OZ626/701 | 2:50am | 11:05am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN |
| UA117/183 | 9:15am | 8:50pm | 2, 5 via GUM |
| UA117/183 | 9:15am | 9:10pm | 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM |
| UA117/193 | 9:15am | 10:40pm | 2, 5 via GUM-ROR |

**SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| HX077 | 1:50am | 5:10am | 1, 4 |
| OZ626/721 | 2:20am | 11:40am | 1 via ICN |
| OZ626/721 | 2:50am | 11:40am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN |
| UO43 | 5:35am | 8:25am | 1 |
| UO43 | 5:50am | 8:40am | 3, 5, 7 |
| UA117/159 | 9:15am | 9:50pm | 1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM |

### ARRIVALS

**GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| UA174 | 7:30am | 8:12am | Daily |
| UA104 | 4:50pm | 5:31pm | 2, 4 |

**BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 7C3452 | 9:05pm | 2:10am+1 | 2, 4, 6, 7 |
| 7C3452 | 9:35pm | 2:30am+1 | 3 |

**SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 7C3402 | 09:30am | 3:10pm | Daily |
| TW307 | 7:00pm | 12:35am+1 | Daily |
| OZ625 | 7:40pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 |
| OZ625 | 8:15pm | 1:45am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 |
| 7C3404 | 10:10pm | 3:40am+1 | 1, 3, 4 |
| 7C3404 | 10:40pm | 4:10am+1 | 6, 7 |

**SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3U8647 | 10:20pm | 4:50am+1 | 3, 4, 6, 7 |

**HANGZHOU (HGH)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| JD395 | 8:05am | 3:30pm | 4 |
| JD395 | 9:35pm | 5:00am+1 | 7 |

**GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3U8645 | 7:55pm | 2:40am+1 | 1, 5 |

**BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| MU763 | 4:30pm | 12:30am+1 | 2, 4, 6 |

**MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ702/625 | 12:15pm | 1:45am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN |
| OZ702/625 | 12:15pm | 2:10am+1 | 7 via ICN |
| UA192/174 | 9:45pm | 8:12am+1 | 2, 5 via GUM-ROR |
| UA184/174 | 10:25pm | 8:12am+1 | 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM |
| UA184/174 | 11:30pm | 8:12am+1 | 2, 5 via GUM |

**HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ722/625 | 1:10pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 via ICN |
| OZ722/625 | 1:10pm | 1:45am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN |
| HX076 | 5:15pm | 00:15am+1 | 3, 7 |
| UO42 | 6:25pm | 1:20am+1 | 7 |
| UO42 | 9:25pm | 4:20am+1 | 2, 4, 6 |
| UA116/174 | 10:45pm | 8:12am+1 | 1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM |

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U Sichuan Airlines, 7C Jeju Air, DL Delta Airlines, JD Beijing Capital, UO HK Express, HX HongKong Airlines, MU China Eastern, OZ Asiana Airlines, TW t'way Air, UA United Airlines, PR PAL Express; ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

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**SAIPAN TO ROTA**

| FLIGHT # | DEPARTURE | ARRIVAL | FREQUENCY |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1301 | 7:30AM | 8:00AM | Daily |
| 1302 | 11:30AM | 12:00PM | Daily |
| 1303 | 4:00PM | 4:30PM | Daily |

**ROTA TO SAIPAN**

| FLIGHT # | DEPARTURE | ARRIVAL | FREQUENCY |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3101 | 8:15AM | 8:45AM | Daily |
| 3102 | 1:45PM | 2:15PM | Daily |
| 3103 | 4:45PM | 5:15PM | Daily |

**ROTA TO GUAM**

| FLIGHT # | DEPARTURE | ARRIVAL | FREQUENCY |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3401 | 12:15PM | 12:45PM | Daily |

**GUAM TO ROTA**

| FLIGHT # | DEPARTURE | ARRIVAL | FREQUENCY |
|---|---|---|---|
| 4301 | 1:00PM | 1:30PM | Daily |

**SAIPAN TO TINIAN**

| FLIGHT # | DEPARTURE | ARRIVAL | FREQUENCY |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1201 | 7:00AM | 7:15AM | Daily |
| 1202 | 8:00AM | 8:15AM | Daily |
| 1203 | 9:00AM | 9:15AM | Daily |
| 1204 | 10:00AM | 10:15AM | Daily |
| 1205 | 11:00AM | 11:15AM | Daily |
| 1206 | 12:00PM | 12:15PM | Daily |
| 1207 | 1:00PM | 1:15PM | Daily |
| 1208 | 2:00PM | 2:15PM | Daily |
| 1209 | 3:00PM | 3:15PM | Daily |
| 1210 | 4:00PM | 4:15PM | Daily |
| 1211 | 5:00PM | 5:15PM | Daily |
| 1212 | 6:00PM | 6:15PM | Daily |

**TINIAN TO SAIPAN**

| FLIGHT # | DEPARTURE | ARRIVAL | FREQUENCY |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2102 | 7:30AM | 7:45AM | Daily |
| 2103 | 8:30AM | 8:45AM | Daily |
| 2104 | 9:30AM | 9:45AM | Daily |
| 2105 | 10:30AM | 10:45AM | Daily |
| 2106 | 11:30AM | 11:45AM | Daily |
| 2107 | 12:30PM | 12:45PM | Daily |
| 2108 | 1:30PM | 1:45PM | Daily |
| 2109 | 2:30PM | 2:45PM | Daily |
| 2110 | 3:30PM | 3:45PM | Daily |
| 2111 | 4:30PM | 4:45PM | Daily |
| 2112 | 5:30PM | 5:45PM | Daily |
| 2113 | 6:30PM | 6:45PM | Daily |

# Joeten Motors unveils showroom

Joeten Enterprises Co. managing director Norman T. Tenorio and board of directors are joined by Joeten Motors general manager Matthew Deets and the CNMI Legislature and local officials at the opening of Joeten Motors Co.'s third showroom on Beach Road.
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Joeten Motors Co. opened Friday a new 8,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art showroom along Beach Road for car brands Ford and Honda. This is its third showroom out of the three car brands that Joeten Motors carries; the others are Kia and Nissan.

Norman T. Tenorio, managing director of Joeten Enterprises Inc., which owns Joeten Motors Co., credits his late parents for building a business that keeps evolving with the times.

"We know that our father and mother, Joeten and Daday, would have been so proud to see how far the company has come today," said Tenorio in his speech at Friday's event. "…My dad always said, 'You have to change with the times in order to survive as a business.' It is in that spirit that our company will continue to evolve and play and integral role in the development of our community."

He describes Joeten Motors as a multi-dealership company that sells several car brands and models for every client and for every budget. He said Joeten Motors has been selling Ford and Honda brands for over 40 years.

"These brands represent the very best and most reliable cars in the world today, from award-winning cars and SUV's like the Honda CRV [and] Accord, to America's bestselling mid-size SUV's like the Ford Explorer and the No. 1 selling Ford vehicle in America, the Ford-150," he added.

According to Matthew Deets, Joeten Motors Co. general manager, the exterior of the new showroom meets Ford and Honda requirements.

"The finished product represents Ford and Honda's unique brand identities. At the north side of the building, we highlighted the new Honda generation three-cylinder design, which rises over 30 feet and is meant to represent an engine cylinder. At the south side of the building the 'One Ford' exterior message is evident with the tower that shows the Ford icon," he added.

The showroom hopes to set a new standard for the islands, learning from the damage that typhoons Soudelor and Yutu wrought. Deets said the building is made not only to be beautiful but resilient and energy-sufficient.

"The building is a fully concrete structure with safety glass and reinforced framing that have already been tested by [Super] Typhoon Yutu as it came through unscathed. Our net metering, solar, water catchment makes this building 100-percent energy efficient," he added;

Saipan Chamber of Commerce president Velma Palacios, who spoke at Friday's ribbon-cutting, welcomes this new development.

"The opening of this showroom, despite the hardships after Super Typhoon Yutu, [is] a testament to the determination and perseverance of the Joeten family and the staff of all their establishments," she said.

"Joeten family founder Jose C. Tenorio was instrumental in the formation of the Saipan Chamber [of Commerce], and we thank him and the rest of the Joeten family for all their contributions to the business community and the islands. Congratulations, Joeten Enterprises, on 70 years of hard work invested in the CNMI," she added.

Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang, who was also present at the showroom's groundbreaking ceremony many months ago, said he is happy to finally see the building.

"This is a tremendous accomplishment for Joeten Motors. The opening of this showroom carrying more car brands is a sign of a good economic improvement for the community because people are buying cars now and Joeten is filling up that need. Congratulations to the Joeten family," he added.

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# Business

## POI Aviation wins Quality First Award from United Airlines

The POI Aviation team has been awarded the prestigious Quality First Award by United Airlines for the first quarter of 2019.

The said award is given to the top performing business partner managed station. Saipan Station ranked number one out of sixty stations in the Asia Pacific region.

United Airlines, represented by David Baker , United Airlines Saipan Station general manager, and Justin Marion, United Airlines Guam Airport Operations manager, thanked the POI team for being partners of United Airlines in delivering safe, caring, dependable and efficient service to customers.

The award came on the heels of their Customer Satisfaction Award also from United Airlines, an award based on positive customer comments on how they were handled by a station for the months of January and March.

TanHoldings and POI Aviation vice president Ivan Quichocho sums it up in his acceptance speech last May 21 as he shared the award to the management team and staff: "Look at what we have overcome. We are still recovering (from Super Typhoon Yutu) but despite the personal challenges we face, you are able to set it aside and perform at the highest levels. I can never be more proud."

The results demonstrated the company's commitment to quality. POI Aviation is indeed creating a new culture of Work with your Heart, Serve with a Smile.

POI Aviation is an independent aircraft ground handling company fully owned by TanHoldings.

It has been in operation since July 1991 and has served all areas of ground handling services for Northwest Airlines, Asiana Airlines, United Airlines, Korean Air, and other private airlines. POI Aviation used to be called Pacific Oriental Inc. but its name was changed to emphasize the company's expertise to the market it serves. ***(PR)***

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Left, the management team of POI with David Baker, United Airlines Saipan Station general manager, and Justin Marion, United Airlines Guam Airport Operations manager and right, the team is all smiles after the awarding.

## Trump opens state visit, needles Japan over trade issues

**TOKYO** (AP)—President Donald Trump opened a state visit to Japan on Saturday by needling the American ally over its trade imbalance with the United States. "Maybe that's why you like me so much," he joshed.

Trump also promoted the U.S. under his leadership, saying "there's never been a better time" to invest or do business in America, and he urged corporate leaders to come.

The president's first event after arriving in Tokyo was a reception with several dozen Japanese and American business leaders at the U.S. ambassador's residence. He said the two countries "are hard at work" negotiating a trade agreement .

"I would say that Japan has had a substantial edge for many, many years, but that's OK," Trump said, joking that "maybe that's why you like me so much."

His comments underscored the competing dynamics of a state visit designed to show off the long U.S.-Japan alliance and the close friendship between Trump and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe even as trade tensions run high.

Trump landed from his overnight flight shortly after a magnitude 5.1 earthquake struck just south of Tokyo and rattled the city.

Abe has planned a largely ceremonial, four-day visit to suit Trump's whims and ego. It's part of Abe's charm strategy that some analysts say has spared Japan from the full weight of Trump's trade wrath.

Abe and Trump planned to play golf Sunday before Abe gives Trump the chance to present his "President's Cup" trophy to the winner of a sumo wrestling championship match. The White House said the trophy is nearly 5 feet (1.5 meters) tall and weighs between 60 pounds and 70 pounds (27 kilograms and 32 kilograms).

On Monday, Trump will become the first head of state to meet Emperor Naruhito since he ascended to the throne this month.

"With all the countries of the world, I'm the guest of honor at the biggest event that they've had in over 200 years," Trump said before the trip.

The president is threatening Japan with potentially devastating U.S. tariffs on foreign autos and auto parts. He has suggested he will go ahead with the trade penalties if U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer fails to win concessions from Japan and the European Union.

Trump had predicted that a U.S.-Japan trade deal could be finalized during his trip. But that's unlikely given that the two sides are still figuring out the parameters of what they will negotiate.

He nonetheless portrayed the negotiations in a positive light in his remarks to the business group.

"With this deal we hope to address the trade imbalance, remove barriers to United States exports and ensure fairness and reciprocity in our relationship. And we're getting closer," Trump said. He also urged the business leaders to invest more in the U.S.

He praised the "very special" U.S.-Japan alliance that he said "has never been stronger, it's never been more powerful, never been closer."

Abe made a strategic decision before Trump was elected in November 2016 to focus on Japan's relationship with the U.S.

Abe rushed to New York two weeks after that election to meet the president-elect at Trump Tower. Last month, Abe and his wife, Akie, celebrated first lady Melania Trump's birthday during a White House dinner.

Abe and Trump are likely to meet for the third time in three months when Trump returns to Japan in late June for a summit of leading rich and developing nations.

Behind the smiles and personal friendship, however, there is deep uneasiness over Trump's threat to impose tariffs on Japanese autos and auto parts on national security grounds. Such a move would be more devastating to the Japanese economy than earlier tariffs on steel and aluminum.

Trump recently agreed to a six-month delay, enough time to carry Abe past July's Japanese parliamentary elections.

Also at issue is the lingering threat of North Korea, which has resumed missile testing and recently fired a series of short-range missiles that U.S. officials, including Trump, have tried to play down despite an agreement by the North to hold off on further testing.

Trump's national security adviser, John Bolton , told reporters Saturday before Trump arrived that the short-range missile tests were a violation of U.N. Security Council resolutions and that sanctions must stay in place.

Bolton said Trump and Abe would "talk about making sure the integrity of the Security Council resolutions are maintained."

It marked a change in tone from the view expressed by U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo in a recent television interview. He said "the moratorium was focused, very focused, on intercontinental missile systems, the ones that threaten the United States." That raised alarm bells in Japan, where short-range missiles pose a serious threat.

## Arkansas newspaper gambles on free iPads as the future

**HOPE, Ark.** (AP)—Over a lunch of hamburger steaks, mashed potatoes and green beans, Walter Hussman delivered his pitch to the dozen or so attendees of the Hope, Arkansas, Rotary Club meeting. He promised that if they keep paying their current rate of $36 a month for subscription to the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette newspaper, even though it will no longer be printed daily or delivered to their door, they'll get a free iPad to view a digital version.

The daily digital replica of the state's largest newspaper will be accessed with an easy-to-use app they can download on the tablet that the newspaper is distributing to subscribers.

Hussman, the newspaper's publisher, said Wednesday that by the end of the year, only the Sunday edition of the paper will be printed.

It's a gamble Hussman feels compelled to take to sustain his newsroom of 106 employees and turn a profit, which the paper hasn't done since 2017.

In March 2018, the paper began the experiment in Blytheville, a town of about 14,000 in the northeast corner of the state 155 miles (249 kilometers) from Little Rock, where the paper publishes. Each of the paper's 200 subscribers was offered the iPad at the current print delivery rate, plus a personal training session to explain how to use the tablet, and print delivery stopped about two months later.

More than 70% of the Blytheville subscribers converted to the digital version, a figure that, if replicated statewide, is enough for the paper to turn a profit, which Hussman expects will be in 2020. Including distribution of the Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, which is not converting to iPad, the paper's daily circulation was about 80,000 before the transition, said Larry Graham, vice president of circulation.

Hussman has said he's willing to spend $12 million on the tablets, or about 36,400 iPads, which retail for $329. At the current lowest subscription rate of $34 a month, that would generate about $14.8 million in revenue per year, which Hussman said would turn a profit after expenses.

Rick Edmonds, media business analyst at Poynter, said two publications have tried similar experiments. In 2011, the Philadelphia Inquirer sold Android tablets for $100 if users signed up for a two-year, $9.99 monthly subscription, a program which Edmonds said was "very unsuccessful." In 2013, the Montreal-based La Presse launched a free tablet app and discontinued daily printed editions three years later, though they've since become a non-profit.

To sell the Democrat-Gazette's plan, Hussman is traveling the state speaking to civic clubs. He explains how advertising revenue for newspapers has dropped precipitously since its peak in 2006, and how digital advertising isn't as profitable as media outlets originally predicted.

After the Rotary meeting, 65-year-old Steve Harris, a subscriber since the early 1980s, said he's been using his iPad for about a month. There are "pros and cons" to the iPad, but he likes the photo galleries available on the digital replica, as well as its ease of access when he's traveling.

# Nation

## State abortion bans may hand Democrats a political weapon

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—A flood of laws banning abortions in Republican-run states has handed Democrats a political weapon heading into next year's elections, helping them paint the GOP as extreme and court centrist voters who could decide congressional races in swing states, members of both parties say.

The Alabama law outlawing virtually all abortions, even in cases of rape or incest, is the strictest so far. Besides animating Democrats, the law has prompted President Donald Trump, other Republican leaders and lawmakers seeking reelection next year to distance themselves from the measure.

Their reaction underscores that Republicans have risked overplaying their hand with severe state laws that they hope will prod the Supreme Court, with its ascendant conservative majority, to strike down Roe v. Wade, the 1973 decision that legalized abortion. It also illustrates the way that those statutes are forcing the GOP to struggle over how to satisfy its core anti-abortion supporters without alienating the vast majority of voters averse to strictly curbing abortion.

The Alabama law is "a loser for Republican candidates in Colorado, without question, and in many other swing parts of the country, because it's extreme," David Flaherty, a Colorado-based Republican consultant who's worked on congressional races around the country. "It's only going to widen the gender gap."

Brian Fitzpatrick, a Vanderbilt Law School professor and former aide to Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, said there are many "women, moderate women who are going to be scared that this right that they thought they had for the last 40-some years is going to be shelved" and they will be motivated to vote.

GOP Sens. Joni Ernst of Iowa and Susan Collins of Maine, both seeking reelection next year, said the Alabama ban goes too far by eliminating exceptions for pregnancies involving rape or incest. A 2005 survey by the Guttmacher Institute, which backs abortion rights, found about 1% of women said they had abortions because of rape or incest.

Democrats see the statutes as a way to weave a broader message about Republicans.

"You use it as an example of what they do when they're unchecked," said Rep. A. Donald McEachin, D-Va., a leader of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, House Democrats' campaign organization. "I think it drives moderate Republicans away from their party."

Democratic presidential contenders are competing to lambast the Alabama law, which allows exceptions when the mother's health is endangered. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y., called it an "existential threat to the human rights of women," while former Vice President Joe Biden said GOP hopes of striking down Roe v. Wade are "pernicious and we have to stop it."

Campaign Facebook and Twitter accounts of Democrats seeking reelection next year, such as Sens. Doug Jones of Alabama and Jeanne Shaheen of New Hampshire, are littered with posts attacking the harsh restrictions. "The people of Alabama deserve to be on the #rightsideofhistory—not the side of extremists," Jones tweeted.

Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi and Ohio have enacted or neared approval of measures barring abortion once there's a detectable fetal heartbeat, which can occur in the sixth week of pregnancy, before a woman may know she is pregnant. Missouri lawmakers approved an eight-week ban.

The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says that of the 638,000 abortions it tallied in 2015, almost two-thirds were performed within the first eight weeks of pregnancy. About 1% were performed during or after the 21st week.

Spotlighting the perilous political territory Republicans are navigating, an April poll by the nonpartisan Kaiser Family Foundation found that Americans support Roe v. Wade by 2-1. A Gallup poll last year found that 57% of adults who described themselves "pro-life" nonetheless said abortion should be legal if the pregnancy results from rape or incest.

The focus on the state measures has also stolen GOP momentum on abortion. Until now, congressional Republicans had spent much of this year forcing Democrats onto the defensive, goading them into blocking bills aimed at curbing the rare abortions performed late in pregnancies and misleadingly accusing them of supporting infanticide.

"Obviously, the attention has shifted," said Sarah Chamberlain, president of the Republican Main Street Partnership, which represents dozens of moderate GOP lawmakers. She said while her group doesn't think Democrats' focus on the harsh laws has gained traction, "We are talking about that and how it's going to play in our districts."

Some Republicans say the Democratic drive will have minimal impact because the abortion issue drives relatively few voters from each party. Others say GOP candidates should accuse Democrats of extremism by opposing bills restricting abortions late in pregnancy and, if they wish, cite their support for exempting rape and incest victims.

Democrats have "never seen an abortion they don't like," said David O'Steen, executive director of the National Right to Life Committee.

Added Sen. Todd Young, R-Ind., who heads the National Republican Senatorial Committee, the Senate GOP campaign arm: "We're not Alabama state representatives, we're United States senators. And each of us has to make our positions known."

## Memorial service, burial in Bozeman for World War II soldier

**BOZEMAN, Mont.** (AP)—A World War II soldier from Montana who died on an island in the Pacific Ocean 75 years ago has been buried in his home state after his remains were identified last year.

A memorial and funeral with full military honors was held Saturday in Bozeman for Army Pvt. William A. Boegli, who was raised in Sedan, Montana.

He was killed while leading a group of litter bearers to evacuate wounded soldiers in the 1944 invasion of Angaur Island.

The Bozeman Chronicle reports Boegli was initially buried without identification on the island, and later moved to a cemetery at Fort McKinley in the Philippines. His remains were sent to Hawaii last year and identified using DNA comparisons with relatives.

During Saturday's funeral, Boegli was awarded medals including a Purple Heart, Silver Star and WWII Victory Medal.

Boegli's nephew, Don McHenry, was one of the relatives to take a DNA test and said the results were emotional and surprising.

"To find somebody that you didn't know anything about for 70 years, it was really interesting to find," he said.

Chaplain Daniel Thompson closed the funeral by acknowledging Boegli's sacrifice.

"Thank God for those that are willing, when needed, to make the sacrifice," he said. "William was part of a long line of servicemen to put on the uniform and give up his life."

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I. **Preliminary Matters**
   Roll Call
   Presence of a Quorum
   Adoption Agenda
   Adoption of Minutes
   - April 22, 2019
II. **SESAP Annual Report**
III. **Miscellaneous**
   **A. PSS and OVR Cooperative Agreement**
IV. **Adjournment**

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# Asia

# Trump and Abe tee off amid US-Japan trade tensions

**MOBARA, Japan** (AP)—Golf never seems to be far behind whenever President Donald Trump and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe get together.

So on Sunday, during a four-day state visit to Japan, the president jumped aboard the Marine One helicopter in Tokyo and flew south to the Mobara Country Club for a steamy morning round with the Japanese leader.

Abe is Trump's closest friend among world leaders and it's the fifth time they played golf together since Trump took office. Abe's strategy is to keep his country out of Trump's crosshairs amid U.S.-Japan trade tensions and the continued threat North Korea poses to both nations.

Later in the day, Abe will introduce Trump to Japan's ancient sport of sumo wrestling. The president will sit ringside at a championship match in Tokyo featuring the oversized athletes. He'll also present the winner with his own "President's Cup" trophy.

The leaders will also venture into Tokyo for a dinner double date with their wives.

A motorcade of golf carts ferried Abe to meet Trump when he arrived at the club. They exchanged a warm handshake, patted each other on the forearms and posed for a throng of journalists. Abe wore white pants and a dark blue sport coat. Trump wore a red half-zip pullover with a white shirt and dark pants. Japanese television later broadcast aerial footage of Trump swinging his club on the course.

They were joined by Japanese professional golfer Isao Aoki, who is famous for his putting technique. Aoki was expected to present Trump with a putter he designed.

Trump tweeted that he was "Going to play golf right now with @AbeShinzo. Japan loves the game." Abe told reporters as he left for Mobara that Sunday's weather was great for golf and "it seems we are in a good mood for sumo."

He later tweeted a selfie photo of him and Trump, smiling widely on the greens.

Neither leader spoke to reporters at the club before they climbed into a golf cart with Abe at the wheel. Trump ignored a shouted question from a U.S. reporter about whether he believed North Korea had violated U.N. Security Council resolutions.

Earlier Trump downplayed North Korea's recent series of short-range missile tests. He tweeted that the tests weren't a concern for him—even though they most certainly are for Japan, due to the country's proximity to the North.

"North Korea fired off some small weapons, which disturbed some of my people, and others, but not me," Trump wrote in a message that appeared to undermine his national security adviser, John Bolton, who told reporters Saturday the tests violated U.N. Security Council resolutions.

Trump said he "has confidence" that North Korean leader Kim Jong Un "will keep his promise to me."

The president's attendance at the annual summer sumo tournament in Tokyo may bring back memories of the time he spent promoting the World Wrestling Federation. Trump is expected to sit ringside as the oversized men in loincloths grapple to win by pushing their opponents out of bounds or getting them to touch the floor with their body, except for the soles of their feet.

Trump has said he finds the sport "fascinating."

Trump will also be presenting a hefty trophy to the winner. The trophy, which the White House dubbed "The Presidents Cup," weighs between 60 and 70 pounds (27 and 32 kilograms). The White House put the cup on display in the lobby of a ritzy Tokyo hotel Sunday afternoon ahead of the tournament.

The president also sought to manage expectations that he and Abe will make significant headway on trade issues when they hold more formal talks on Monday. Trump has been seeking a bilateral trade agreement with Tokyo since he pulled the U.S. out of the multinational Trans-Pacific Partnership trade agreement two years ago, though analysts expect no breakthroughs during Trump's visit.

AP

U.S. President Donald Trump, left, and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe wave before playing a round of golf at Mobara Country Club in Mobara, south of Tokyo, Sunday, May 26, 2019.

# India's ruling party takes 303 of 542 seats in election win

**NEW DELHI** (AP)—Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi met with leaders of his Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party on Friday following his thunderous victory in national elections.

Modi met with his outgoing Cabinet ministers and later presented his resignation along with theirs to President Ram Nath Kovind. The president asked the officials to continue to serve until the new government assumes office.

Media reports say Modi is likely to be sworn in for his second term next Thursday.

The Election Commission announced that the BJP won 303 out of 542 seats in the Lok Sabha, the lower house of Parliament, after the official vote count finished Friday. That is well beyond the simple majority a party in India needs to form a government. The BJP's top rival, the Indian National Congress led by Rahul Gandhi, won 52 seats, and the All India Trinamool Congress led by West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee won 22.

Gandhi, whose great-grandfather, grandmother and father were all prime ministers, personally conceded his seat, long a Congress party bastion, to his BJP rival, India's textiles minister, marking the end of an era for modern India's most powerful political dynasty.

Vote counting of the estimated 600 million ballots cast over six weeks of staggered polling—the world's largest democratic exercise—began early Thursday.

The victory in India was widely seen as a referendum on Modi's Hindu-first politics that some observers say have bred intolerance toward Muslims and other religious minorities, as well as his muscular stance on neighboring Pakistan, with whom India nearly went to war earlier this year.

Analysts said voters will expect the new Modi government to quickly return to the business of economic reform, which the BJP effectively sidelined as a campaign issue after responding to a February terrorist attack in Indian-controlled Kashmir with an airstrike in Pakistan that stoked nationalist sentiments.

"Building up your national security credentials, as the only person who can stand up to India's 'enemies' can only take you so far. The real question is can Modi deliver on his economic commitments, for example creating the high number of jobs needed? This is essential to address India's growing wealth inequalities," said Champa Patel, head of the Asia Pacific program at London-based Chatham House.

## ASIAN BRIEFS

### Heavy flooding in Afghanistan kills 24 people in 2 days

**KABUL, Afghanistan** (AP)—Heavy flooding in Afghanistan killed at least 24 people and injured 11 others in the past 48 hours as a new wave of heavy rains swept parts of the country, Afghan officials said Saturday. The flooding affected six of Afghanistan's 34 provinces, including the capital, Kabul, according to the Ministry for Disaster Management and Humanitarian Affairs. Around 500 people had been rescued in central Bamyan province's Sheber district. Nationwide, floods destroyed over 220 homes and partially damaged 116 more over the past two days. Heavy snowfall across Afghanistan this winter had cut off many areas. So far this year, around 150 people have died as heavy rains and flooding swept away homes in different provinces.

### Volcano on Bali erupts, briefly disrupting flights

**JAKARTA, Indonesia** (AP)—Bali's airport has returned to normal operations after some flights were canceled on Friday night following an eruption of the Mount Agung volcano that spread ash over the south of the Indonesian island. The national disaster agency said the eruption lasted 4 minutes and 30 seconds and spread lava and incandescent rocks about 3 kilometers (1.8 miles) from the crater. Nine villages experienced thick ash fall. But the agency said it wasn't raising the alert level for the volcano and its exclusion zone remains a 4-kilometer (2.5-mile) radius around the crater. No evacuation was necessary, said spokesman Sutopo Purwo Nugroho. Bali airport spokesman Arie Ahsanurrohim said nine flights between Bali and Australia were canceled on Friday night. Six postponed flights for Qantas and Virgin Australia would operate on Saturday, he said. Agung became active again in 2017 after more than a half century of slumber following a major eruption in 1963.

### Taiwanese same-sex couples wed at vibrant banquet

**TAIPEI, Taiwan** (AP)—More than 1,000 people have attended a mass wedding banquet in Taiwan's capital to celebrate the marriage of same-sex couples after a landmark decision legalizing the unions. Taiwan became the first place in Asia to recognize same-sex marriage last week following a vote by the island's legislature. LGBT couples clad in flowing white gowns and matching suits gathered in Taipei on Saturday evening to walk down a red carpet flanked by cheering supporters. They were honored in a gala that featured an emcee who wished them "100 years of happiness." A drag queen also performed with a group of scantily clad men. Taiwan split with mainland China amid a civil war in 1949. China's ruling Communist Party considers the island part of its territory.

# World

## New candidates vie to succeed UK's May with focus on Brexit

AP

Britain's Prime Minister Theresa May walks back after addressing the media in Downing Street in London, Friday, May 24, 2019.

**LONDON** (AP)—The race to succeed British Prime Minister Theresa May is heating up, the field of Conservative contenders is quickly growing and the focus is squarely on how to handle Brexit.

Former House of Commons leader Andrea Leadsom and former Brexit Secretary Dominic Raab joined the fray Saturday night. Both had earlier resigned from May's Cabinet to protest her Brexit policy.

Health Secretary Matt Hancock said Saturday morning he is seeking to replace May, joining several others who have announced they will run to become the Conservative party's next leader, and by default, Britain's new prime minister.

May announced Friday she plans to step down as Conservative Party leader on June 7 and remain as a caretaker prime minister while the party chooses a new leader in a contest that officially kicks off the following week.

She plans to remain as party leader through U.S. President Donald Trump's upcoming state visit and the 75th D-Day anniversary celebrations on June 6.

Her successor will have to try to complete Brexit—a task that May failed to deliver during her three years in office. While she succeeded in striking a divorce deal with the European Union, the plan was defeated three times in Parliament by British lawmakers from across the political spectrum.

The EU extended Britain's departure date to Oct. 31 but there still is no consensus among British lawmakers about how or even if the country should leave the bloc.

Even before a new leader is chosen, the Conservative Party is expected to fare poorly when the results of the European Parliament election in Britain are announced Sunday night.

The best-known contestant for the Conservative leadership post is former Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson, who has said he will take Britain out of the EU on Oct. 31 even if no deal has been reached with EU leaders.

Johnson's willingness to back a no-deal Brexit is already causing some ripples.

Another Conservative contender, International Development Secretary Rory Stewart, said Saturday that he could not serve in a Cabinet under Johnson if Johnson wins. Stewart says he could not work for a leader who is comfortable with the idea of a no-deal Brexit.

Stewart complained that Johnson said in a private meeting several weeks ago that he would not push for a no-deal departure but appears to have changed course completely.

Many economists and business leaders have warned that a no-deal departure would have a drastically negative impact on Britain's economy and also hurt its European neighbors.

The field is likely to grow to about a dozen candidates, with a winner expected to be chosen by mid or late July. Senior Conservatives including Home Secretary Sajid Javid and Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt are among those considering a leadership run.

The Conservative Party chooses its leaders in a two-step process. First there's a series of votes among the party's legislators to establish two top contenders, then those names are submitted to a nationwide vote by about 120,000 party members.

The winner becomes party leader and prime minister, although the opposition Labour Party is warning of an immediate challenge to the new leader with an eye toward forcing an early general election.

John McDonnell, Labour's economic spokesman, told the BBC on Saturday the party would push a no-confidence vote against the new prime minister right away.

"We believe any incoming prime minister in these circumstances should go to the country anyway and seek a mandate," McDonnell said.

An earlier Labour Party attempt to force an early election failed in January when May's government survived a no-confidence vote.

The U.K.'s next general election will be held in 2022 unless a government collapse speeds up the timetable.

## Police hunt suspect after explosion in French city of Lyon

**LYON, France** (AP)—French police on Saturday hunted a suspect believed to have deposited a paper bag containing a device that exploded Friday, wounding 13 people on a busy pedestrian street in the city of Lyon.

France's counter-terrorism prosecutor, Remy Heitz, said an investigation has been opened for "attempted murderer in relation with a terrorist undertaking" and "criminal terrorist association."

He said no group has claimed responsibility for the explosion yet. Regional authorities said 13 people suffered mostly minor injuries but 11 were still in the hospital on Saturday morning.

French President Emmanuel Macron called the explosion an "attack" during a live interview Friday about the European Parliament elections that run through Sunday.

Heitz described video surveillance that showed the suspect heading toward the center of Lyon on a bike Friday afternoon. The man was seen arriving on foot, pushing his bike along the pedestrian-only Victor Hugo street, then leaving paper bag on a concrete block in the middle of the street near a bakery.

The suspect immediately returned to his bike and left by the same path. One minute later, the explosion shattered the glass of a refrigerator in the bakery, Heitz said.

Investigators at the scene have found screws, metallic balls, batteries, a triggering device that can be used remotely and plastic pieces that may come from the explosive device.

Police issued an appeal for witnesses Saturday with a photo of the suspect from video surveillance. They described the man as "dangerous."

Heitz said police will release more photos soon. The man was wearing a cap and sunglasses that partially hid his face.

Local authorities said security has been enhanced in France's third-largest city, including with more police and military patrols.

The women's World Cup soccer tournament is scheduled to start in France on June 7 and Lyon will host the semifinals and then the July 7 final. After the explosion, Interior Minister Christophe Castaner sent instructions for Lyon authorities to strengthen security for "public sites and sporting, cultural and religious events."

On Victor Hugo street, police removed their cordon around the explosion area and the atmosphere Saturday was almost back to normal with people doing their shopping—except for the chalk lines drawn by forensics on the ground.

"It was scary," said Gisele Sanchez, owner of a cloth shop in front of the bakery. Large wood planks protected her shop window, which was impacted by the blast. Police found screws, metallic balls and batteries in her shop yet Sanchez was able to reopen on Saturday morning.

France is jittery over a spate of attacks in recent years, some of them deadly, carried out by people ranging from extremist attackers to mentally unstable individuals. Five people were killed Dec. 11 in an attack on the Christmas Market in Strasbourg, in eastern France. The alleged killer, Cherif Chekatt—killed by police—had pledged allegiance to the Islamic State group.

## Europe's voters elect new parliament as nationalism mounts

**BRUSSELS** (AP)—Pivotal elections for the European Union parliament reach their climax Sunday as the last 21 nations go to the polls and results are announced in a vote that boils down to a continent-wide battle between euroskeptic populists and proponents of closer EU unity.

Right-wing nationalists who want to slash immigration into Europe and return power to national governments are expected to make gains, though mainstream parties are tipped to hold onto power in the 751-seat legislature that sits in both Brussels and Strasbourg.

Leading the challenge to the established order is Italy's hard-line interior minister, Matteo Salvini, head of the League party, who is assembling a group of like-minded parties from across Europe.

"We need to do everything that is right to free this country, this continent, from the illegal occupation organized by Brussels," Salvini told a rally in Milan last weekend that was attended by the leaders of 11 nationalist parties.

Projections released by the European Parliament last month show the center-right European People's Party bloc losing 37 of its 217 seats and the center-left S&D group dropping from 186 seats to 149. On the far right flank, the Europe of Nations and Freedom group is predicted to increase its bloc from 37 to 62 seats.

Proponents of stronger EU integration, led by French President Emmanuel Macron , argue that issues like climate change and reining in immigration are simply too big for any one country to tackle alone.

Macron, whose country has been rocked in recent months by the populist yellow vest movement, has called the elections "the most important since 1979 because the (European) Union is facing an existential risk" from nationalists seeking to divide the bloc.

Sunday promises to be a long day and night for election watchers - the last polls close at 11 p.m. (2100 GMT) in Italy but the European Parliament plans to begin issuing estimates and projections hours earlier with the first official projection of the makeup of the new parliament at 11:15 p.m. (2115 GMT).

As the dust settles on four days of elections, European leaders will begin the task of selecting candidates for the top jobs in the EU's headquarters in Brussels. The leaders meet for a summit over dinner Tuesday night.

Current European lawmakers' terms end July 1 and the new parliament will take their seats in Strasbourg the following day.

# Focus

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In this July 18, 1998, file photo, Karl Wolf raises his arm in a Nazi salute as he marches through the streets of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, where scores of police in riot gear stood between parading white supremacists and protesters who jeered at the Aryan Nations marchers. Nearly two decades after the Aryan Nations compound was demolished in Idaho, far-right extremists are maintaining a presence in the Pacific Northwest. White nationalism has been on the rise across the U.S., but it has particular resonance along the Idaho-Washington border.

# Hate makes a comeback in the Pacific Northwest

By NICHOLAS K. GERANIOS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

**SPOKANE, Wash.** (AP)—Nearly two decades after the Aryan Nations' Idaho compound was demolished, far-right extremists are maintaining a presence in the Pacific Northwest.

White nationalism has been on the rise across the U.S., but it has particular resonance along the Idaho-Washington border, where the Aryans espoused hate and violence for years.

The neo-Nazi group was based near Hayden Lake, Idaho, starting in the 1970s, and eventually was bankrupted in a lawsuit brought by local activists and the Southern Poverty Law Center. Its compound was seized, and supporters dispersed.

But a series of incidents in recent weeks show far-right sentiments never really left the conservative region. In the county that is home to Hayden Lake, for instance, Republicans last month passed a measure expressing support for U.S. entry of a prominent Austrian far-right activist who was investigated for ties to the suspected New Zealand mosque gunman.

In 2018, at least nine hate groups operated in the region of Spokane and northern Idaho, including Identity Evropa, Proud Boys, ACT for America and America's Promise Ministries, according to the Southern Poverty Law Center. The center does not track how many members belong to each group.

Keegan Hankes, a researcher for the Southern Poverty Law Center, said the number of hate groups is growing across the U.S., driven in part by a toxic political culture. The human rights group counted 784 active hate groups in the U.S. in 2014 and 1,020 in 2018.

In particular, white supremacist groups are growing because of fears that the country's racial makeup is changing. "That drives a ton of anxiety," Hankes said.

These new far-right activists are more scattered than the ones who used to gather at the Aryan Nations by the dozens, experts say.

"It is no longer necessary to go to a compound in Hayden Lake, Idaho," said Kristine Hoover, director of the Gonzaga Institute for Hate Studies in Spokane.

With the proliferation of social media, groups "form in dispersed locations" and gatherings are "more covert," she said.

In late April, a self-described "American Nationalist" named Brittany Pettibone appeared at a meeting of Kootenai County, Idaho, Republicans to ask for help to bring her boyfriend, Martin Sellner, to the country from Austria. Pettibone, 26, said Sellner wants to marry her and live in Post Falls, Idaho.

Pettibone was a big promoter of the hoax known as "Pizzagate," telling her online followers Hillary Clinton and other high-profile Democrats were involved in satanic rituals and child sex trafficking tied to a Washington, D.C., pizza restaurant.

Sellner is a leading figure in the extremist "identitarian" movement, which espouses a white nationalist ideology and has swept over Europe amid an influx of migrants and refugees. He has confirmed he exchanged emails with the suspected New Zealand shooter, who donated money to Sellner's group. But Sellner denies involvement in the attack.

Despite his background, the Kootenai County Republican Central Committee passed a resolution urging the federal government to allow Sellner into the United States. The resolution said the government revoked Sellner's travel privileges "for political reasons," and demanded those privileges be reinstated.

Faced with criticism for giving Pettibone a platform, Kootenai County GOP Chair Brent Regan blamed the press. "In its lust for scandal, the media has stretched the committee's simple act of kindness into headlines that are too bizarre to be fiction," he wrote in a recent op-ed.

AP

In this May 22, 2001, file photo, Norm Gissel smiles as he talks about the imminent dismantling of the former headquarter of the Aryan Nations in Hayden Lake, Idaho. Behind Gisel is a Nazi insignia painted atop the roof of the compound's cafeteria.

Also last month, The Guardian published internet chats from 2017 in which a Washington state legislator and three other men discussed confronting "leftists" with a variety of tactics, including violence, surveillance and intimidation.

The messages prompted Washington House Democrats to demand that the Republican lawmaker, Rep. Matt Shea of Spokane Valley, be reprimanded for a history of far-right speech and activities. While Shea did not propose violence, he did not speak up when violence was proposed, Democrats said.

House Republican Leader J.T. Wilcox of Yelm responded that Shea should not be punished before investigations are completed. The House, led by Democrats, will conduct an independent investigation of the lawmaker.

Shea, who rarely speaks to reporters, did not return numerous messages from The Associated Press.

He has served in the state House since 2008, introducing bills to criminalize abortion and roll back gun laws and pushing for eastern Washington to secede from the rest of the state. The military veteran attracted international attention in 2018 after a document he wrote laid out a "biblical basis for war" against people who practiced same-sex marriage and abortion, and instructed: "If they do not yield, kill all males."

In a third case, a nationwide arrest warrant was issued in May for a Stevens County, Washington, man who allegedly tried to extort members of his right-wing militia group through anonymous written threats backed by insinuations they came from a Mexican drug cartel.

James "Russell" Bolton, 51, faces at least six charges of extortion and attempted theft after he was arrested recently in West Virginia.

Bolton has led a militia group called the Stevens County Assembly.

Stevens County detectives believe he was responsible for a series of anonymous threatening letters delivered to members of the group. The letters purported to come from a Mexican cartel and demanded large sums of cash in exchange for protection.

Hoover, the Gonzaga professor, said it is a mistake to consider all of the above as separate incidents.

"These are movements," Hoover said, noting participants are not doing this alone. "They have interconnectedness over the internet."

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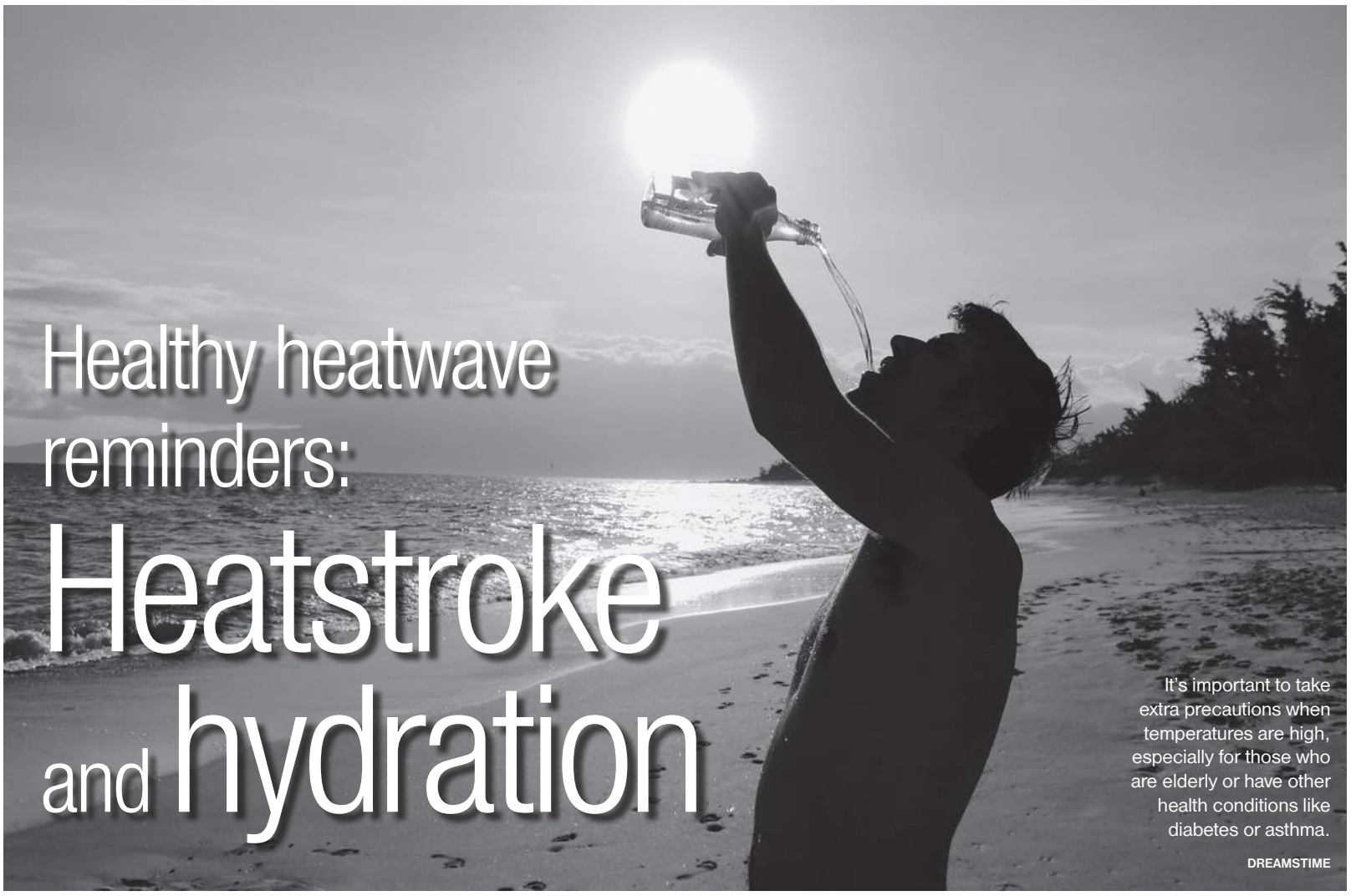

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It's important to take extra precautions when temperatures are high, especially for those who are elderly or have other health conditions like diabetes or asthma.

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On bright summer days we may remember to apply the sunscreen, but we may not remember to give the heat the full respect it deserves. When temperatures soar, Mayo Clinic experts say we need to take precautions. We also need to be on guard for the warning signs of overheating. Family medicine physician Jennifer Nordstrom, M.D., at Mayo Clinic Health System in La Crosse, Wisc., says heat illness can range in severity from mild heat cramps to heat exhaustion to a potentially life-threatening heatstroke. She says certain individuals are at higher risk in the heat.

## What puts you at higher risk?

- Diabetes, asthma or heart disease
- The elderly or very young
- Being overweight or in poor physical condition
- Recently been ill with a fever
- Having had heat illness before
- Hard chargers who ignore the warning signs

## Preventative measures

- Avoid strenuous activities when the heat index is above above 105 degrees or the dew point is above 70
- Drink 8 to 16 ounces of water an hour before beginning a workout
- Maintain fluid intake before thirst begins
- Avoid exercising in the hottest part of the day
- Wear loose clothing to allow for circulation

## Symptoms of heatstroke

- Rapid heartbeat
- Lack of sweating
- Confusion
- Fainting/loss of consciousness
- Unusually high or low blood pressure

# For successful weight loss dieting, check blood sugar and insulin

By BRADLEY J. FIKES
THE SAN DIEGO UNION-TRIBUNE

Success on a weight-loss diet can be predicted by measuring a person's blood sugar and fasting insulin levels, according to a study presented at the American Diabetes Association meeting in San Diego.

Moreover, effective weight loss and control in some can be achieved without restricting calories, as long as the diet is rich in fiber.

The international study examined data from six studies of different diets designed to improve nutrition. It found that those biomarkers consistently predicted losing weight and keeping it off.

The kinds of diets that work depend on whether a patient's blood sugar level is higher than normal as in prediabetes, or high enough to indicate diabetes. Results were presented at the American Diabetes disease-Association 77th Scientific Sessions.

Those with type 2 diabetes can lose weight on a diet rich in plant fats, such as those from olive and avocado oil.

A fiber-rich diet without calorie restrictions is successful for many with prediabetes, the study found. Carbohydrate and fat intake should be adjusted according to fasting insulin levels.

"Remarkably, for many patients, use of these biomarkers can lead to a six- to seven-fold greater weight loss," study leader Arne Astrup said in a statement. He is head of the Department of Nutrition, Exercise and Sports at the University of Copenhagen, Denmark.

"Going forward, we can educate patients when a diet they planned to follow would actually make them gain weight, and redirect them to a strategy that we know will work for them."

The study also included researchers from the University of Colorado, Tufts University, Centro de Investigación Biomédica en Red de Fisiopatología de la Obesidad y Nutrición (CIBER OBN) and Gelesis, Inc.

The study fits in with other research indicating that weight loss diets need to be matched to an individual's own metabolic profile.

And for the diets to really stick, they can't be temporary, but part of a changed lifestyle that people can embrace without feeling deprived.

**Personal Trainer**

## Making bones denser, stronger

*Two kinds of exercise help prevent osteoporosis – a gradual mineral loss that eventually makes bones fracture.*

### Resistance

Exercise in which you do work with your muscles against a resisting force

**Examples**

- Weightlifting with free weights
- Using a weight or resistance machine

### Weight-bearing

Exercise in which your muscles do work against gravity; any exercise in which your feet and legs support your weight

**Examples**

- Jogging and running
- Walking
- Stair climbing
- Dancing
- Soccer and similar field sports

*Swimming and bicycling are not weight-bearing exercise*

**Other ways to prevent osteoporosis:**

- A diet rich in calcium
- Avoid smoking and excessive alcohol
- Possibly a bone density test (ask your physician)

CAUTION:
Twisting, bending and vigorous exercise can be harmful to a frail person or one who has had a fracture, falls frequently or has osteoporosis; before starting any exercise program, ask a physician about your fracture risk

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# Life & Style

## Bong d'Or: Korean director wins Cannes' top prize

**CANNES, France** (AP)—South Korean director Bong Joon-ho's raucous social satire "Parasite," about a poor family of hustlers who find jobs with a wealthy family, won the Cannes Film Festival's top award, the Palme d'Or, on Saturday.

Joon-ho

The win for "Parasite" marks the first Korean film to ever win the Palme. In the festival's closing ceremony, jury president Alejandro Inarritu said the choice had been "unanimous" for the nine-person jury.

The genre-mixing film, Bong's seventh, had arguably been celebrated more than others at Cannes this year, hailed by critics as the best yet from the 49-year-old director of "Snowpiercer" and "Okja."

"It's the 100th anniversary of the cinema in Korea this year. To celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Korean cinema, I think the Cannes Film Festival has offered me a very great gift," Bong told reporters after the ceremony.

It was the second straight Palme victory for an Asian director. Last year, the award went to Japanese filmmaker Hirokazu Kore-eda's "Shoplifters," also a compassionate parable about an impoverished family.

"We shared the mystery of the unexpected way this film took us through different genres, speaking in a funny, humorous and tender way of no judgement of something so relevant and urgent and so global," Inarritu told reporters after the ceremony.

Many of the awards on Saturday were given to social and political stories that depicted geopolitical dramas in localized tales, from African shores to Paris suburbs.

The festival's second place award, the Grand Prize, went to French-Senegalese director Mati Diop's feature-film debut, "Atlantics." The film by Diop, the first black female director ever in competition in Cannes, views the migrant crisis from the perspective of Senegalese women left behind after many young men flee by sea to Spain. Sylvester Stallone presented the honor.

## Amidst the chaos, Sara Bareilles finds a new voice

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Feeling "lost" after Donald Trump won the U.S. presidential election, Sara Bareilles found herself in a meditation class to help deal with the new American reality.

"I felt like the world was on fire and I didn't have any tools to just cope with the idea that I was in a catastrophe," she said. "It was just like apocalyptic for me."

The one thing she could do? Write songs.

Her emotions, combined with navigating through an increasingly divided country, led to her latest album, "Amidst the Chaos."

"For me the thing that always stays the most important is to feel that I'm being authentic and truthful in terms of what my messaging is," Bareilles said. "And I think I've gotten less afraid."

"Chaos," released last month, marks her return to pop music after a nearly six-year hiatus. It follows 2013's "The Blessed Unrest," which boasted the successful single "Brave" and scored her a Grammy nomination for album of the year. During that gap, she wrote music for and later starred in the Broadway musical, "Waitress." She's earned two Tony Award nominations and released the theater album, "What's Inside: Songs from Waitress," in 2015.

Bareilles said theater "took over my whole life," and she wanted to write music for herself again. That's when she got in touch with iconic producer T Bone Burnett, who has won 13 Grammys and an Oscar.

**BOTSWANA HIRES FIRM FOR ELEPHANT HUNTING PR** AP

In this March 3, 2013 file photo elephants drink water in the Chobe National Park in Botswana. The Botswanan government has enlisted a public relations firm with deep ties to Hollywood to push back against the bad publicity generated by the southern African nation's decision to lift its ban on elephant hunting. 42 West notified the U.S. Justice Department last week that it will be working with Botswana's tourism ministry. The firm will be paid $125,000 over the next two months for developing talking points and a communications plan that "articulates Botswana's policy on elephant hunting" that will be delivered to "key U.S. and other Western audiences," according to its filing.

## 'Move along': Stormtroopers ready for Star Wars land crowds

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Disneyland's new Galaxy's Edge attraction promises to transport visitors to a new locale in the Star Wars universe, but any who overstay their visit might not catch their ride on the Millennium Falcon.

The theme park is expecting massive crowds when Galaxy's Edge opens May 31, and has detailed plans on how to accommodate guests or help them "move along" with the aid of Stormtroopers.

For the first three weeks, guests must have a reservation to enter and will be limited to four hours inside the immersive new land, the largest single-theme land inside a Disney park. It is spread out over 14 acres of rides and experiences, including shops selling personal droids, lightsabers, and Star Wars-appropriate food and drink.

A special wristband will identify a visitor's time window, and once it expires, Disney said it will shut off access to key attractions and merchandise locations. Park employees dressed as Star Wars characters will ultimately ask visitors to make their way toward one of the three exits so a new group can enter.

"There might be some First Order officers out there helping us or maybe some Stormtroopers asking people to move along," said Kris Theiler, vice president of Disneyland park. "We'll employ the First Order maybe later in the reservation period if we need to."

It's just one example of the lengths to which Disney has gone to make Galaxy's Edge look and feel like part of the Star Wars universe. It's designed as a grungy outpost on a distant planet.

The marquee attraction is a massive replica of the Millennium Falcon, where guests can roam the ship's halls and engage in a dogfight with TIE Fighters.

The park has plenty of other, more subtle ways to manage crowd flow. Theiler said walkways were widened from 3 to about 6 feet in different areas, and stroller parking is available. Around 7,500 new parking spaces along with new parking lot entrances and toll booths were added. A new pedestrian bridge was also built to help avoid logjams.

Disneyland declined to share the capacity limit for Galaxy's Edge.

## Bale, Damon set to star in film chronicling 1966 Le Mans

**INDIANAPOLIS** (AP)—Christian Bale remembers hunkering down in front of a television set with his father to watch Formula One races, back in the glory days of Alain Prost, Jacques Laffite and Nelson Piquet.

They even went to Brands Hatch before F1 left the circuit near Kent, England.

So the actor who's been behind the wheel of the Batmobile read a script about the infamous 1966 showdown between Ford and Ferrari at Le Mans, the racing aficionado jumped onboard. And when Matt Damon learned that Bale was already circling the project, the actor—no stranger to high-speed car chases from his Jason Bourne films—likewise jumped at the opportunity.

The result is "Ford v Ferrari," a film that comes out later this year focusing not only on the American manufacturers' unlikely upset of the Italian juggernaut but on those who made it happen.

Bale portrays Ken Miles, an engineer and driver, and Damon plays Carroll Shelby, one of the most famous American car builders in history. Together, they took the financial backing of Ford and created the GT40, a car that not only conquered Le Mans but swept the 1966 podium.

"Racing is not just about oil and gasoline. It's about blood and sweat as well as the people inside those cars as well, and that's what makes it so thrilling," Bale said Saturday at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, where he will join Damon in waving the green flag for the Indy 500.

# Stan Lee's former manager arrested on elder abuse charges

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—A former business manager of Stan Lee was arrested Saturday on elder abuse charges involving the late comic book legend.

Keya Morgan was taken into custody in Arizona on an outstanding arrest warrant after being charged by Los Angeles County prosecutors earlier this month.

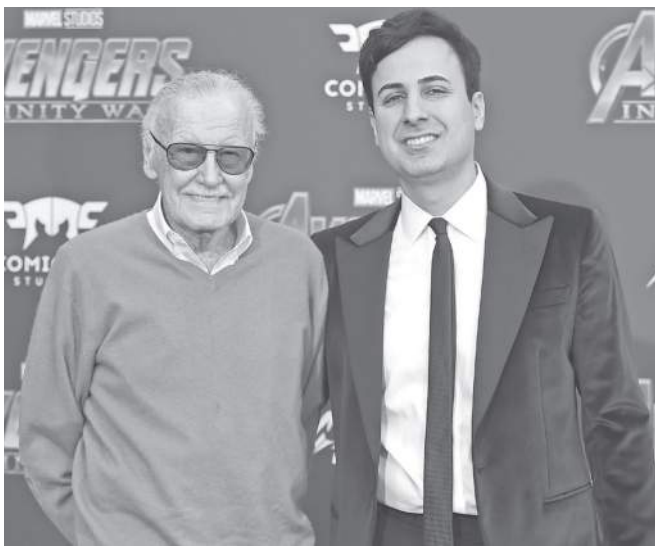
Morgan faces felony charges including theft, embezzlement, forgery or fraud against an elder adult, and false imprisonment of an elder adult. A misdemeanor count also alleges elder abuse.

Authorities say Morgan sought to capitalize on the Marvel Comic mastermind's wealth and exert influence over Lee even though he had no authority to act on his behalf.

Police say Morgan pocketed more than $262,000 from autograph signing sessions Lee did in May 2018. Authorities say Morgan at one point also took Lee from his Hollywood Hills home to a Beverly Hills condominium "where Morgan had more control over Lee."

Lee's daughter said in a request for a restraining order last year that Morgan was manipulating the mentally declining Lee, preventing him from seeing family and friends, and trying to take control of his money and business affairs.

Attorney Alex Kessel has said Morgan has never abused or taken advantage of Lee. Kessel said in an email on Saturday that he had been in contact with prosecutors to arrange for Morgan to surrender on Tuesday.



AP

In this April 23, 2018, file photo, Stan Lee, left, and Keya Morgan arrive at the world premiere of "Avengers: Infinity War" in Los Angeles.

"It is unfortunate that the DA and police did not honor our commitment to surrender next week and arrested him," Kessel said in an email.

Lee died in November at the age of 95.

Morgan's bail has been set at $300,000. He will eventually be extradited to Los Angeles to face the charges.

## Adam Levine leaving 'The Voice' after 16 seasons

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Adam Levine is leaving NBC's "The Voice" after 16 seasons.

Carson Daly made the announcement Friday morning on the "Today" show. Daly said Gwen Stefani will return for season 17 in Levine's chair.

The Maroon 5 frontman wrote a length Instagram post Friday, saying the Emmy-winning show "went on to be a life shaping experience that will be close to my heart forever."

Levine was part of the original lineup of "The Voice" when it launched in 2011, along with Christina Aguilera, Blake Shelton and CeeLo Green. Aguilera and Green have taken breaks from the show, allowing stars like Pharrell Williams, Kelly Clarkson and John Legend to sit in their chairs. Shelton has never left the show.

It was not clear if Levine was leaving the show for good. Representatives for the singer and NBC didn't immediately reply to emails seeking comment from The Associated Press.

## Fanning says she's been transformed by Cannes experience

**CANNES, France** (AP)—Elle Fanning, the youngest juror ever at the Cannes Film Festival, said she's been transformed by her experience at the French festival.

The 21-year-old actresses' jury service came to an end Saturday with the Cannes closing ceremony. She wanted the festival to keep going.

"I didn't know how I would come out of this experience. I do feel like I see films in a different way. I learned so much," Fanning said after the ceremony. "I will never forget these ten days. I don't want it to be over."

Fanning was part of the nine-person jury that elected Bong Joon-ho's "Parasite" the Palme d'Or winner. Mexican director Alejandro Inarritu, president of the jury, praised Fanning for bringing a younger perspective to the jury.

"Having Elle in the jury was a gift," said Inarritu. "Elle is an old soul in a way. She has been doing films forever. But to have the fresh ideas, it really grounded us."

"We saw it through her young eyes," he added. "We learned a lot from her too."

Throughout the French film festival, Fanning was one of the standouts of the red carpet, regularly drawing praise for her glamorous and varied looks.

The only downside of her Cannes may have been when she collapsed at the Chopard Trophee dinner on Monday. She later posted on Instagram a thumbs-up photo and said she had fainted because her Prada gown was too tight.

## AmfAR gala near Cannes raises $15 million for AIDS research

**ANTIBES, France** (AP)—A signed portrait of Mick Jagger by Andy Warhol, a motorcycle designed by Lewis Hamilton and a vacation at a private island off Tanzania were some of the items that raised $15 million at the 26th amfAR gala and auction.

The event, which raises money for AIDS research, is a fixture during the Cannes Film Festival with its black tie dinner, star-filled live auction and a designer fashion show.

Mariah Carey gave a special performance along with Tom Jones and Dua Lipa during Thursday's event. Charli XCX provided the entertainment at the after-party.

Kendall Jenner, Antonio Banderas, Pamela Anderson, Patricia Arquette, Rebel Wilson and Adrien Brody were in attendance.

The Warhol screen print raised 325,000 euros ($363,436) and a Takashi Murakami sculpture for 1,800,000 euros ($2 million).

## Who needs a TV cooking show when you can host one online?

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Almost every Monday night, Gaby Dalkin, hosts a live cooking demo from her home in southern California on her Instagram account, What's Gaby Cooking .

The show is under an hour and Dalkin's husband, Thomas Dawson, records it and reads out questions and comments from viewers.

Dalkin, who went to culinary school and has worked as a private chef, will offer tips for de-boning salmon, cleaning mushrooms, and joke about her polka dot sweatsuit that Thomas says resembles pajamas. It's all very casual and doable, which Dalkin said is the point.

"It's like you're cooking alongside your best friend in the kitchen," said Dalkin in a recent interview. "I don't want to spend five hours cooking a meal and I know everyone else doesn't. Let's show people how to make something simple and delicious and go about our lives."

It turns out there is an audience who make tuning in a ritual.

"We have people in India where it's their morning when they're watching," said Dalkin.

She recently got a message from a viewer's husband who said every Monday night he falls asleep listening to her voice because his wife is watching as they go to bed. He wanted to not like her, but now he's a fan.

She also encourages her followers to make the recipes throughout the week and tag her on Instagram, which as Dalkin notes, is free marketing and publicity.

Thomas may be heard and not seen in the cooking demos, but he's earned his own devotees. There's an Instagram account, What's Thomas Eating, where he's often poking fun at his wife. He sometimes posts his own videos when he's home alone and cooking her recipes.

"He started What's Thomas Eating as a total joke and I think sometimes he's more influential than I am," laughed Dalkin.

Dalkin says she's not looking for a traditional cooking show because she feels like she's already doing that online.

"Back in the day, all I wanted was to be the 'Next Food Network Star.' I applied three years in a row and got denied three years in a row. Yes, we would do some sort of TV series, but I would need it to be a lot more animated and fun and maybe even lifestyle and travel-related."

## Transportation is not the only issue after driving restricted

DEAR ABBY: I have been in a relationship for 10 years. We live together as husband and wife, but for personal reasons, we decided marriage is not for us. I have been married and divorced twice and have three children. One is 17, and the older two are grown. None of them have cars. We live in a rural area without public transportation.

I was recently diagnosed with epilepsy and given a six-month driving restriction. Before my diagnosis, my boyfriend signed up to do a sport over the summer that takes him away four Sundays, our only day together. He does a different sport that takes him away for Labor Day. It upsets me that knowing I cannot get around and feel "trapped," he hasn't altered his plans in any way. He says I'm not as "trapped" as I feel, and I should use expensive ride-sharing services or rely solely on friends, which I feel is an imposition. I don't have many friends, especially ones who live close.

Because he isn't willing to modify his plans, I feel like I'm taking a back seat to his hobbies. Is this fair? What advice can you provide so I don't feel as angry and resentful as I currently do? I still have five months to go on this restriction, and that is only if I am seizure-free.

STUCK IN ILLINOIS

**DEAR STUCK: Is it out of the question that you could accompany him to one or more of these Sunday games? It appears your guy is centered solely on himself. Couples are supposed to have each other's backs. Although you never stood at an altar and pledged "in sickness and in health," after 10 years together, one would think the promise is implied. Consider this a wake-up call. It indicates that should you have more serious health problems down the line, this is what you can expect from him in the future.**

**That said, your present condition should improve by the end of the summer. Focusing on THAT fact may lessen your resentment right now. But don't beat yourself up for having the feelings you do; right now, they are warranted.**

**If your children have driver's licenses, perhaps they could drive you around so you're not so isolated.**

**DEAR ABBY:** We have a large break room at work where we gather to have lunch. Usually there are six to eight nurses gathering at one time. Sometimes we bring lunch from home; other times we order out individually.

One co-worker constantly helps herself to others' food without it being offered. Example: If you order fries with your lunch, she will reach over and grab some off your plate without asking. It makes the rest of us uncomfortable. We feel it is rude and unsanitary. How do we politely ask her to stop doing this?

HUNGRY NURSES

**DEAR HUNGRY: Politely ask? Politely TELL the woman you don't want her removing food from your plates without permission. And if she does it again, use your fork to "discourage" her, and I'll bet it won't happen again.**

**DEAR READERS: Along with the millions of Americans who are observing this Memorial Day, I add my prayer of thanks for those courageous men and women who sacrificed their lives in service to our country. May they rest in peace.**

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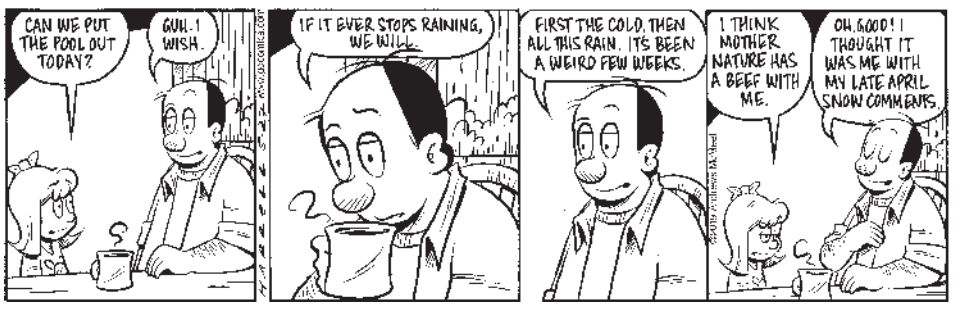
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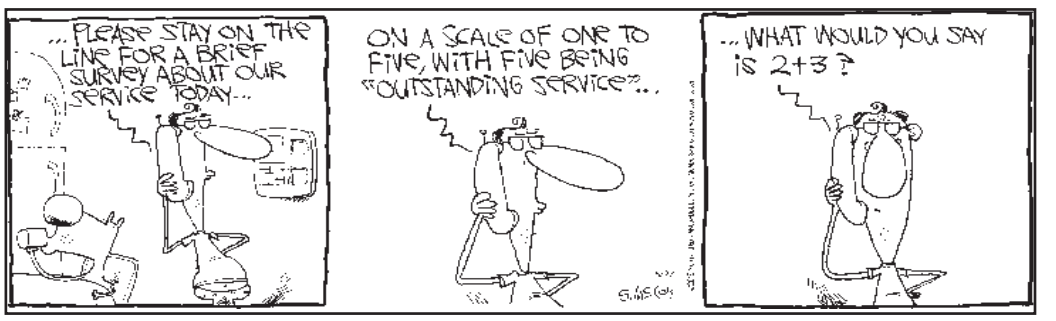
## The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy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*By Eugene Sheffer*

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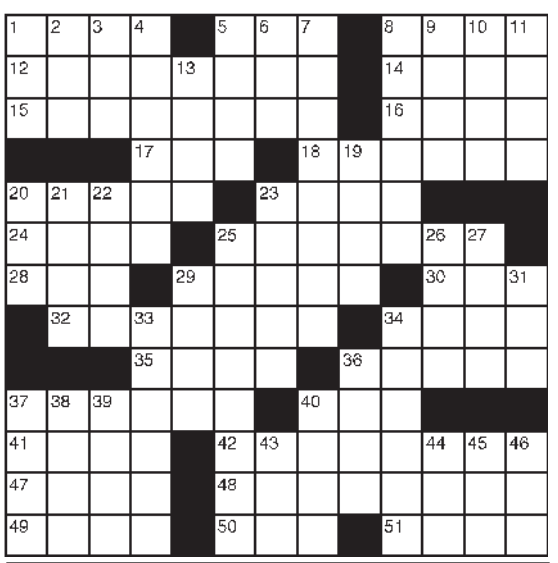

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**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Chris Colfer, 29; Shanola Hampton, 42; Jack McBrayer, 46; Paul Bettany, 48.

**Happy Birthday:** You'll have plenty of options, but not all will be equal. The trick will be to decipher what's best for you. Be leery of deals that sound too good to be true. Keep an open mind, but be practical. Use your intelligence to combat temptation. Balance and moderation will be your tickets to success. Your numbers are 5, 13, 21, 26, 32, 34, 48.

**ARIES** *(March 21-April 19):* Look for opportunities, but proceed with caution. Learn and explore the possibilities. Don't let criticism stop you from following through with your plans. Size up your situation, learn from how others react and make decisions based on truth and potential. ✪✪✪

**TAURUS** *(April 20-May 20):* It's OK to change your mind or to do things differently. Update your image or make a point to learn something new. How you present what you know and who you are will make a difference to the way others perceive you. ✪✪✪✪

**GEMINI** *(May 21-June 20):* Take your time, do your research and refuse to let your emotions take over. Emotional tactics should be thwarted before having a chance to take hold. Temptation is the enemy, and common sense your salvation. ✪✪

**CANCER** *(June 21-July 22):* Take care of business. The less baggage you carry, the easier it will be to reach your destination. Personal change geared toward physical fitness, a healthier lifestyle and an image update will add to your overall appeal. ✪✪✪✪

**LEO** *(July 23-Aug. 22):* Look over every detail before you decide to make a change that could be unsafe or premature. Expand your awareness, and consider the consequence of making a poor decision. Don't take an unnecessary risk that could lead to heartache or loss. ✪✪✪

**VIRGO** *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* Mix things up a bit. Don't feel you have to stick to old ways of doing things if you come up with an idea, plan or more efficient way to handle matters. Explore your options, and do what works best for you. ✪✪✪

**LIBRA** *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* Observe and learn. Talk to people who have more experience or something to offer that will help you avoid making an unnecessary mistake. Having a clear vision when dealing with peers or someone competitive will help you avoid being manipulated. ✪✪✪

**SCORPIO** *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* Look for a creative outlet or add pizzazz to a project you take on. Time spent with someone motivating or unique will encourage you to do things differently. A meeting should be set up to discuss plans. Romance is highlighted. ✪✪✪✪✪

**SAGITTARIUS** *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* Truth, loyalty and integrity will all play roles in the outcome of a situation you face. Whether you are dealing with a friend, relative or lover, put your cards on the table. When in doubt, ask questions. ✪✪

## SUDOKU

**Conceptis Sudoku** *By Dave Green*

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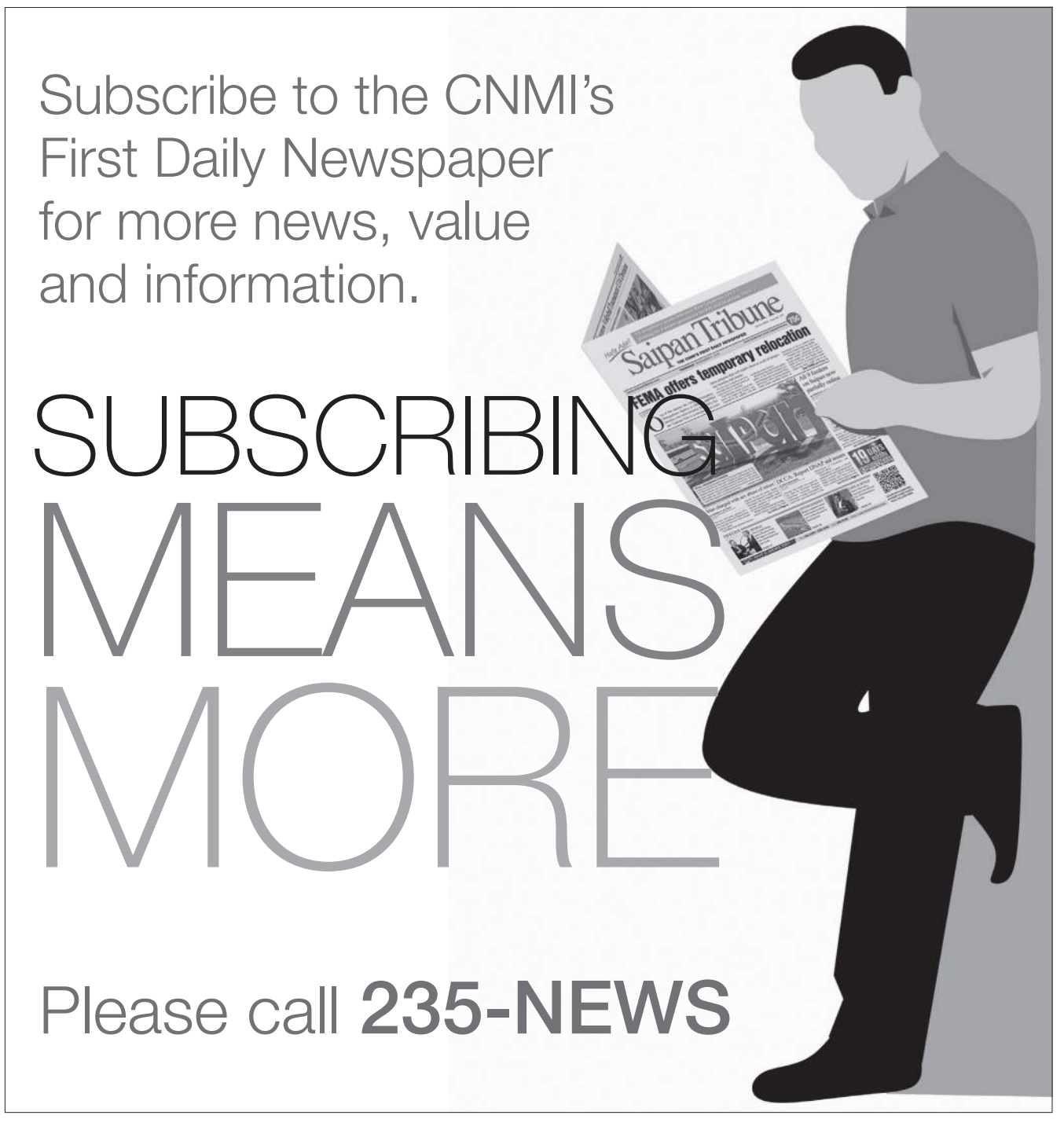
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# Raptors finish off Bucks for first finals stint

**TORONTO** (AP)—Kyle Lowry stole the ball and pushed it ahead, then waited for Kawhi Leonard to arrive before feeding his All-Star teammate for a thunderous one-handed slam over Giannis Antetokounmpo .

"The building exploded after that dunk," Leonard said.

It sure did. Now imagine how it will sound when the NBA Finals come to Toronto for the first time next week.

Leonard had 27 points and 17 rebounds to lead the Raptors into the finals for the first time with a 100-94 victory over the Milwaukee Bucks on Saturday night. His big dunk with 6:46 to go in the fourth quarter was the final basket in a game-changing 26-3 run that began late in the third.

"It was kind of a momentum capper," Lowry said. "We were on a run, and why not feed the big dog? Let the big dog eat."

The Raptors overcame a 15-point deficit to win the series in six games and will host the Golden State Warriors in Game 1 of the NBA Finals on Thursday night.

It will be the two-time defending champions against a Raptors team that will finally bring the NBA Finals outside the U.S. after entering the league in 1995.

"They're one of the greatest teams in history," Raptors coach Nick Nurse said of the Warriors. "It will be a tall task, but we'll try to figure it out."

Pascal Siakam scored 18 points, Lowry had 17 and Fred VanVleet 14 for the Raptors.

Lowry held the game ball and picked up his children after the game, finally getting to the championship round after the Raptors kept falling short against Cleveland.

"It's taken a long time to get here in my career," Lowry said. "I've run into one guy for a while."

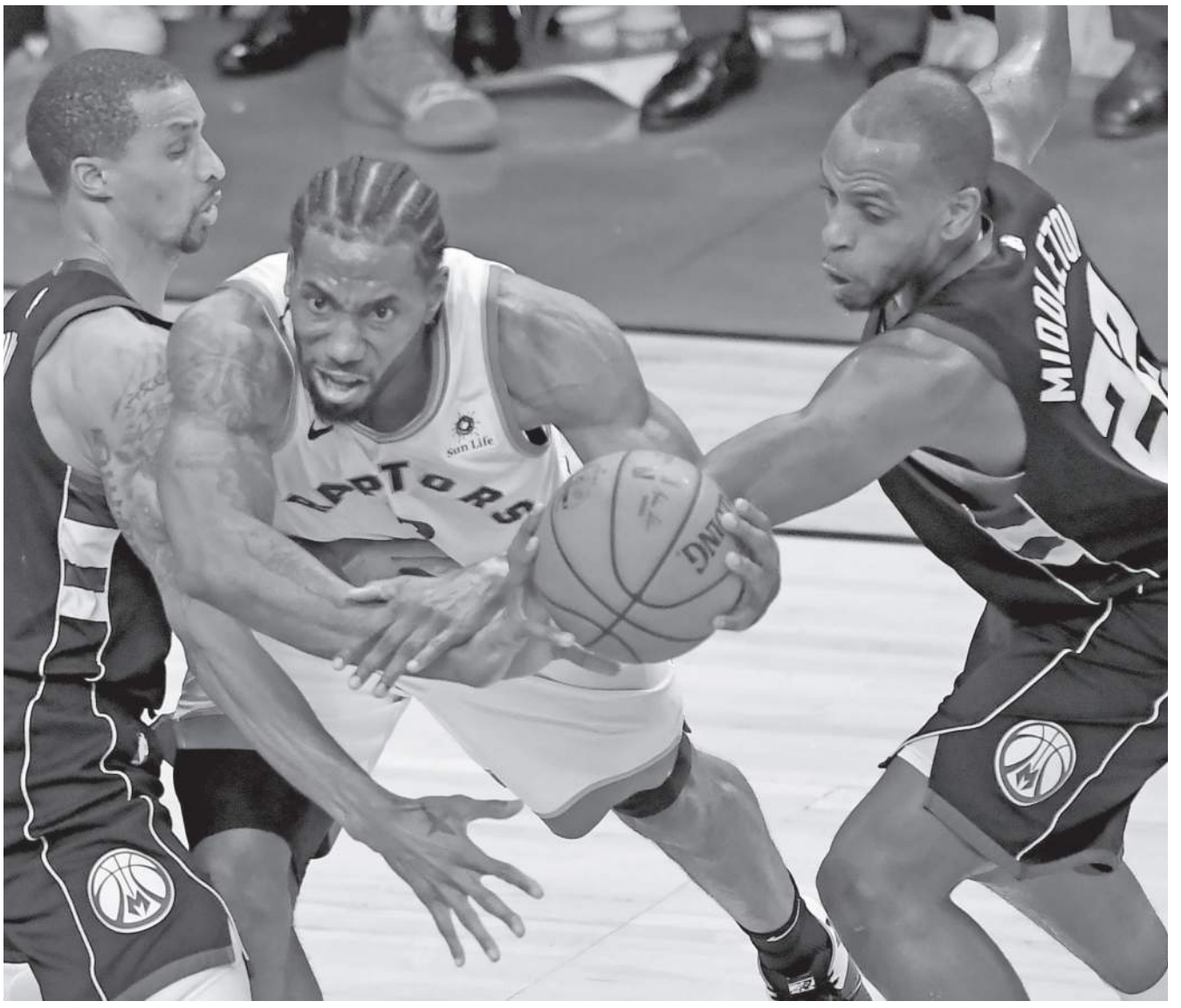
Toronto was eliminated by LeBron James and the Cavaliers in three straight postseasons before shaking things up last summer with the acquisition of Leonard, the 2014 NBA Finals MVP who was acquired from San Antonio and has carried the Raptors in this postseason.

"He's the best player in the league and we're happy he's in Toronto," Raptors President Masai Ujiri said.

Asked about Ujiri's compliment, Leonard said he's focused on different goals.

"I just want to win," he said. "I don't care about being the best player. I want to be the best team."

Antetokounmpo had 21 points and 11 rebounds for the Bucks, but the NBA's top team in the regular season saw its bid for a first finals berth in 45 years come to a disappointing end with a fourth consecutive defeat.



AP

Toronto Raptors forward Kawhi Leonard (2) works between Milwaukee Bucks' George Hill, left, and Khris Middleton (22) during the second half of Game 6 of the NBA basketball playoffs Eastern Conference finals Saturday, May 25, 2019, in Toronto.

"Man, obviously when you're up 2-0, that doesn't mean nothing," Antetokounmpo said. "You've got to learn how to come out and close out games, especially after Game 3. We've got to get better as a team, and we've got to get better individually."

Even Nurse found his team's turnaround hard to believe.

"Beating this team four times in a row is almost mind boggling," Nurse said.

Bucks coach Mike Budenholzer said it hurt to see a great season end.

"The roster that was put together for this season, as the season started going, you started feeling like it was special and could do special things, including advancing past tonight, but it didn't happen," Budenholzer said.

Down 76-71 to start the fourth, the Raptors tied it with an 8-2 run while Leonard and Antetokounmpo were both on the bench. Serge Ibaka's dunk with 10:32 to go tied it at 78.

Antetokounmpo returned after a timeout, but Leonard kept sitting. That didn't matter to Toronto, with Siakam's basket giving the Raptors an 80-78 lead, their first lead since it was 6-3.

Toronto made 12 of 27 3-point attempts, including four of eight in the fourth quarter.

Siakam, who missed a pair of free throws late in the fourth quarter of Toronto's double-overtime win in Game 3, hit one to make it 98-94. Leonard grabbed the rebound on the second and was fouled. He made both, putting the Raptors up 100-94 with 3.9 seconds to go.

Malcolm Brogdon and Khris Middleton each made a pair from long range as the Bucks shot 6 for 9 from 3-point range in the first and closed the quarter with 10 unanswered points to lead 31-18. Toronto shot 6 for 19 in the opening quarter, missing six straight twice in the first 12 minutes.

The Bucks extended their lead to 38-23 on a 3 by Ersan Ilyasova with 7:46 left until half. Toronto cut the gap to 46-43 on a 3 by VanVleet with 1:07 left in the second, but Eric Bledsoe answered with a 3 and Antetokounmpo split a pair at the line, giving the Bucks a 50-43 advantage at the intermission.

The lead went back to 15 in the third before Leonard finished the period with a flourish. He had eight points in the final 2:01 and Toronto closed with a 10-0 run, cutting a 15-point deficit to 76-71.

## *Warriors know this is something special, uncertainty ahead*

**OAKLAND, Calif.** (AP)—Stephen Curry hears the dynasty discussion about his Golden State Warriors during another postseason run.

Draymond Green realizes special teams only stay together for so long before something breaks them apart.

That's why the Warriors decided from Day 1 of training camp to cherish this season.

Golden State is a franchise in its prime—five straight trips to the NBA Finals and seeking a third consecutive title. But the clock is ticking and the Warriors are well aware of the possible ramifications of free agency and how things could change in a hurry this summer.

"Basketball careers aren't that long. If you can get 10 out of it, you're lucky," Green explained. "To be to five straight finals, I don't even know what to say about it. This is what you play for. This is our goal every year and to get here five straight times is special."

The Warriors started this run with three All-Stars in Curry, Green and Klay Thompson. They added two more in Kevin Durant and DeMarcus Cousins. How many they'll have after free agency is any and everyone's guess.

Curry—with nearly 11-month-old son Canon regularly in his arms for the ride—is certainly relishing this stretch of his decorated career, appreciating how far the Warriors have come during the 10 years he has been in the league.

A third straight title is suddenly within reach, which would be Golden State's fourth championship in five years.

"We know what's at stake and what we're chasing this year, this series, this game, and that's the only way that you can really put your best foot forward in terms of trying to get back to the mountaintop," Curry said. "We'll have plenty of time when we hang the sneakers up to really go back and think about all the different experiences and highs and lows, but right now, we're two games away from another finals appearance. It's pretty special."

The Warriors are the first team to reach five straight finals since the Celtics advanced to 10 in a row from 1957-1966.

Another championship would cement this run of titles among the best ever.

The Los Angeles Lakers of 2000-02—led by Kobe Bryant and Shaquille O'Neal—are the last team to capture three straight titles.

Golden State advanced without Durant, the reigning two-time finals MVP, and Cousins. Both were sidelined with injuries for the entire Western Conference finals. The finished off Portland without Andre Iguodala, another finals MVP who sat out Game 4 with an injury.

While the Bucks and Raptors are slugging it out in the East, the Warriors are rehabbing.

"I hope it doesn't go unnoticed or underrated. Five straight finals hasn't been done since the 60s, since Bill Russell's Celtics," fifth-year Warriors coach Steve Kerr said. "Hasn't been done for a reason: It's really, really difficult. I just can't say enough about the competitive desire about the group of players that we have here and the culture that they have built together, playing together regardless of injury."

Each Warriors run has been unique. When they won in 2015 it was the first title for the franchise in 40 years.

LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers derailed them in 2016, but the Warriors bounced back in 2017 with a dominant 16-1 record during the postseason.

Last year, Golden State joined Russell's Celtics, Michael Jordan's Chicago Bulls and trio of Lakers teams—including George Mikan and company in the 1950s, Magic Johnson and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar in the '80s, and Shaquille O'Neal and Kobe Bryant nearly 20 years ago—as the only franchises in NBA history to capture three championships in four years.

"When I was here the first time, they rebuilt and retooled," said Andrew Bogut, a member of the 2015 title team before rejoining the Warriors in March.

"They didn't just sit on their hands thinking it was going to last forever. They freed up cap space, you have to give (general manager) Bob Myers, (owner) Joe Lacob and the coaching staff a lot of credit. There are a lot of teams that win a championship and kind of reward the whole roster, then they end up two-three years down the track and end up in a bit of a hole. Whereas this is a great run for a franchise that will end up as one of the all-time greats."

# Yankees sweep Royals to extend win streak to 7

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** (AP) — Austin Romine and Cameron Maybin each drove in two runs during New York's five-run second inning, and the Yankees beat the Kansas City Royals 6-5 on Saturday night to complete a doubleheader sweep and run their win streak to seven in a row.

Maybin also had an RBI single in the third as New York won both games after severe thunderstorms postponed Friday night's contest.

Luke Voit hit a go-ahead home in the seventh inning to power the Yankees to a 7-3 victory in the opener. J.A. Happ (4-3) struck out 10 in six innings.

Chance Adams (1-0) threw four innings to earn his first major league victory in the second game after Chad Green threw one inning as the Yankees' opener. Aroldis Chapman earned his 250th career save.

Kansas City's Hunter Dozier doubled twice after going hitless in the opener, driving in Adalberto Mondesi in the first inning and coming around to score on Jorge Soler's double in the fourth inning.

AP

New York Yankees right fielder Clint Frazier dives for but misses an RBI double by Kansas City Royals' Hunter Dozier during the first inning of the second baseball game of a doubleheader Saturday, May 25, 2019, in Kansas City, Mo.

### Astros 4, Red Sox 3

In Houston, Carlos Correa hit an RBI single in the ninth inning to give the Astros the win.

After Boston tied it in the top of the inning, Aledmys Diaz led off the bottom half with a double to left off Matt Barnes (2-1). Following walks to Alex Bregman and Michael Brantley, Correa hit a blooper down the right-field line over a five-man infield.

Roberto Osuna (3-0) got the win despite allowing two runs and three hits in the ninth.

### Padres 19, Blue Jays 4

In Toronto, Austin Hedges connected for a grand slam, and San Diego hit a franchise-record seven home runs to romp to its fifth straight win.

Wil Myers and Hunter Renfroe each hit two home runs and Ian Kinsler and Eric Hosmer also homered. The previous team record was six, set in Cincinnati on July 17, 1998.

Hedges hit his first career slam and drove in five runs.

### Phillies 7, Brewers 2

In Milwaukee, Jake Arrieta pitched eight effective innings and Andrew McCutchen homered, leading Philadelphia to its third consecutive win.

César Hernández, Rhys Hoskins and J.T. Realmuto also connected for the NL East leaders. Hoskins finished with three hits and two RBIs.

Arrieta (5-4) allowed two runs and five hits, struck out eight and walked one in his first win since April 27.

### Rays 6, Indians 2

In Cleveland, Charlie Morton struck out a season-high 10 and Ji-Man Choi and Tommy Pham homered, helping Tampa Bay beat the Indians in a game delayed for nearly three hours because of an incorrect weather forecast.

Morton (5-0) extended his unbeaten streak to a career-best 18 starts dating to August, allowing one run in six innings. The right-hander has an 8-0 record with a 3.10 ERA in that stretch.

Choi hit a tiebreaking two-run shot in the fifth, and Pham made it 6-1 with another two-run drive in the seventh.

### Twins 8, White Sox 1

In Minneapolis, Kyle Gibson struck out nine in seven innings, and the Twins beat the White Sox 8-1 for their 10th win in 11 games.

Gibson (5-2) gave up five hits and walked none. His only blemish was José Abreu's leadoff homer in the fourth inning.

C.J. Cron and Ehire Adrianza each drove in four runs for Minnesota.

White Sox starter Manny Bañuelos (2-4) returned after missing his last turn in the rotation with a sore shoulder.

### Cubs 8, Reds 6

In Chicago, Addison Russell homered at Wrigley Field for the first time since he was suspended for violating baseball's domestic violence policy, leading the Cubs to a wild victory.

With the wind blowing out on a warm day at the iconic neighborhood ballpark, Albert Almora Jr. and Jason Heyward also connected to help the NL Central-leading Cubs rebound from their disappointing loss in the series opener Friday. Tyler Chatwood gave Chicago's weary bullpen a lift by working the ninth for his first save since 2017.

### Athletics 6, Mariners 5

In Oakland, Mike Fiers won in his first start at the Coliseum since pitching a no-hitter this month, and the Athletics handed the Mariners their fifth straight loss.

Matt Chapman homered and Ramon Laureano doubled in his fifth straight game, matching Miguel Tejada for the Oakland record.

Domingo Santana hit two homers and Mitch Haniger also connected for Seattle, which has lost eight of nine.

### Mets 5, Tigers 4, 13 innings

In New York, Tomás Nido homered against Buck Farmer leading off the 13th inning, Wilson Ramos homered twice and the Mets beat the Tigers for another comeback victory during a wild homestand.

Nido drove a 2-0 pitch from Farmer (3-4) narrowly over the wall in right-center, ending a game full of wasted chances for both teams.

New York has won five of six at Citi Field this week despite trailing in all but one of those games.

### Diamondbacks 10, Giants 4

In San Francisco, Ketel Marte homered for the second consecutive day, powering Arizona to the win.

Ildemaro Vargas drove in two runs and scored twice for Arizona. Kevin Cron added a double and two RBIs in his major league debut.

Taylor Clarke (1-1) pitched into the seventh and allowed three runs for his first career win.

### Nationals 5, Marlins 0

In Washigton Patrick Corbin pitched a four-hitter for his second career shutout, helping the Nationals to the victory.

Corbin (5-2) struck out five and walked one. Yan Gomes' three-run double to right field capped a five-run fourth inning for the Nationals.

Harold Ramirez had two of Miami's four hits.

### Dodgers 7, Pirates 2

In Pittsburgh, Cody Bellinger and Corey Seager both doubled and drove in two runs as Los Angeles won for the eighth time in 10 games.

Max Muncy added two doubles for the Dodgers, who had eight two-base hits in all, the most in the major leagues this season.

Hyun-Jin Ryu (7-1) saw his scoreless streak ended at 32 innings when he gave up two runs in the second inning but settled down to get through six innings and win his fourth consecutive start.

### Orioles 9, Rockies 6

In Denver, Jonathan Villar and Renato Nunez both homered and finished with three hits to lead Baltimore.

Nunez went deep for the fourth straight game and Pedro Severino had four hits to help Baltimore end a seven-game skid and overcome Nolan Arenado's big night.

Arenado had three hits, including his 200th career home run, and drove in the first five runs for Colorado. Chris Iannetta also homered for the Rockies.

### Angels 3, Rangers 2

In Anaheim, Kole Calhoun drove in the tying run in the ninth inning with an RBI double and then score the winner on pinch-hitter Jared Walsh's single to left field as Los Angeles rallied to beat Texas.

Rangers left fielder Hunter Pence wasn't able to make the play on Walsh's hit off Shawn Kelley (3-1) and the ball dropped, allowing Calhoun to score and give the Angels a wild victory in which they led most of the way and snapped a five-game losing streak.

## Na settles for 69, 2-shot Colonial lead over Spieth, Furyk

**FORT WORTH, Texas** (AP)—If Jordan Spieth thinks a winless streak approaching two years seems like forever, he might want to check with fellow major winner Jim Furyk.

Both have a chance to end droughts at Colonial—if they can overtake third-round leader Kevin Na.

Na settled for a 1-under 69 a day after going low at Colonial again, taking a two-shot lead at 9 under Saturday over a group that included the local favorite in Spieth and Furyk, the 2003 U.S. Open champion who hasn't won in four years.

"I'm not really looking at it as like the glass is half empty, the hourglass has almost run out of sand," said the 49-year-old Furyk, who has just one of his 17 PGA Tour victories in the past nine years but was second at the Players Championship in March. "This year has been kind of a new lease on life."

Furyk, winless since 2015 at Hilton Head, matched the 68 of Spieth, whose last victory was his third major title at the 2017 British Open. Joining them at 7 under was C.T. Pan, who was tied with Na before bogeys on the final two holes. Pan settled for a 68 as well.

First-round leader Tony Finau (71) fell into the group at 7 under with a bogey on 18 after hitting his driver into the water. Defending champion Justin Rose, the highest-ranked player in the field at No. 3, shot his second 74 in three rounds and is 5 over.

Na recovered from a double bogey at the par-5 11th that cost him the lead, steadying himself over the final seven holes. His 62 in the second round was his third at least that low over a span of six rounds at Colonial.

After hitting driver into a bunker at 11, Na's second shot caught the lip of the bunker as he turned in frustration because a fan's cellphone went off during his swing. Caddy Kenny Harms lambasted the woman, and Na said he was upset until he saw the horrified look on her face.

"He was screaming at her, and he has every right to do so," Na said. "I felt bad for the lady. So I said, 'C'mon Kenny. Let's forget about it. Let's just go.'"

Only problem was, Na couldn't seem to shake it. His third shot landed in a greenside bunker, and the fourth sailed over the green. A chip shot still didn't reach the green, before another chip lipped out.

Na made the short putt for a 7 before almost making a chip for birdie on 12 after another poor tee shot. His third and final birdie was an 18-footer on the par-3 13th.

# Federer returns to French Open after 4-year absence

**PARIS** (AP)—Roger Federer is in action on the opening day of the French Open.

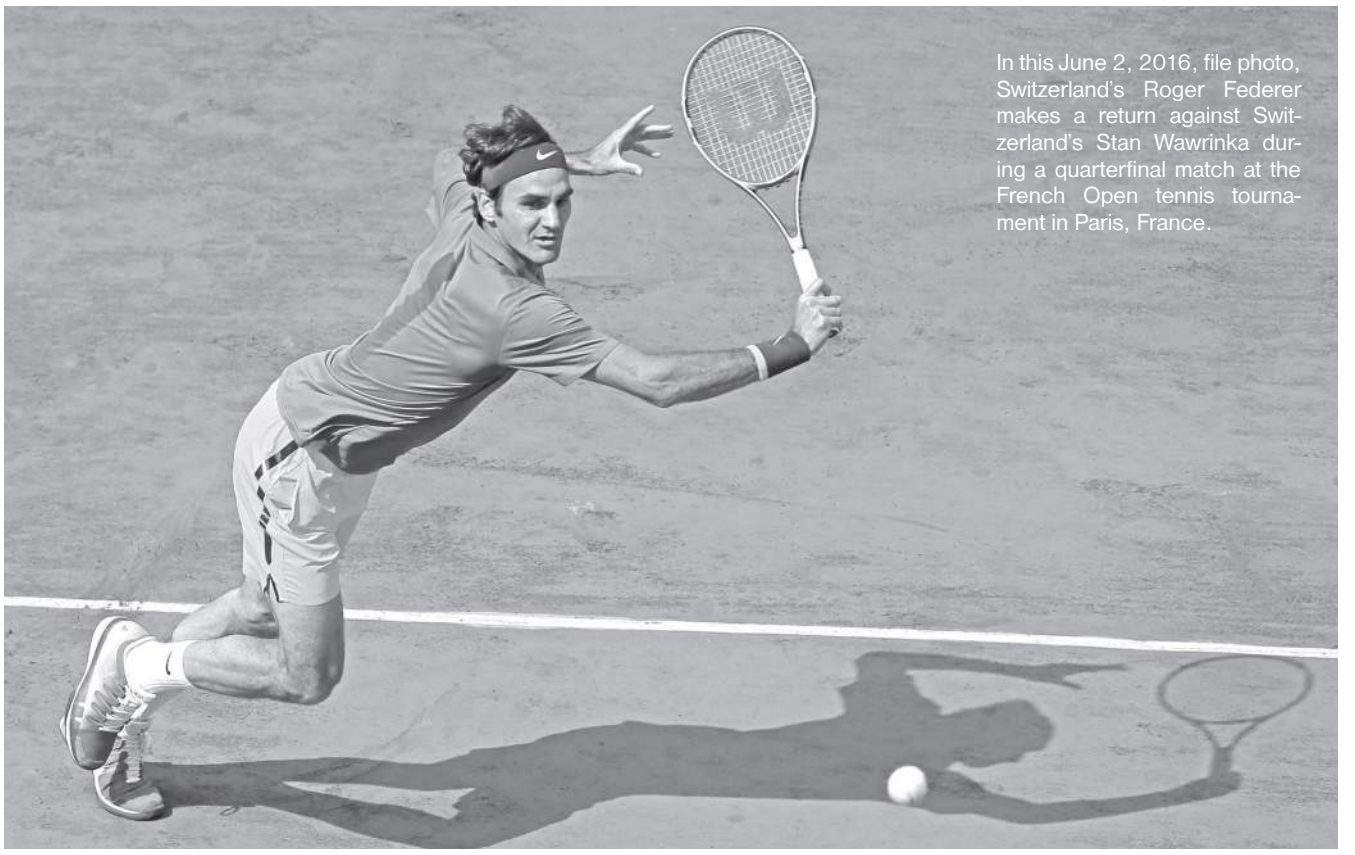
Returning to play at Roland Garros for the first time since 2015, Federer opens against 73rd-ranked Lorenzo Sonego in the third match on Court Philippe Chatrier.

Also Sunday, 2016 champion Garbine Muguruza faces 96th-ranked American Taylor Townsend in the first match at the tournament's newest stadium, Court Simonne Mathieu.

Sixth-seeded Stefanos Tsitsipas, who beat Federer at the Australian Open, plays Maximilian Marterer.

Others in action include: seventh-seeded Kei Nishikori; last year's semifinalist Marc Cecchinato; last week's Italian Open champion Karolina Pliskova, Venus Williams and Sloane Stephens.

Meanwhile, Angelique Kerber won't complete a career Grand Slam this year.



In this June 2, 2016, file photo, Switzerland's Roger Federer makes a return against Switzerland's Stan Wawrinka during a quarterfinal match at the French Open tennis tournament in Paris, France.

The three-time Grand Slam winner lost in the first round of the French Open on Sunday, beaten 6-4, 6-2 by Anastasia Potapova on Court Philippe Chatrier.

Kerber's preparations for Roland Garros, where she never advanced past the quarterfinals, were hampered by a right ankle injury she suffered at the Madrid Open.

The 81st-ranked Potapova sealed the opening set with a crosscourt backhand winner and broke twice at the start of the second. Kerber saved two match points before shanking a forehand wide sealing her fate.

Kerber, the No.5-seeded woman in Paris, won the Australian Open and US Open in 2016 and Wimbledon in 2018.

### Osaka seeded No. 1

On the day Naomi Osaka won the Australian Open for her second consecutive major championship, she was asked whether it was too soon to start thinking about grabbing four in a row.

"You know the French Open's next, right?" she said, smiling and fiddling with her fingers. "We love that clay court!"

The sarcasm was obvious. Osaka was well aware of her 4-3 career record at Roland Garros and her 5-4 mark on clay last season. Still, she also quickly acknowledged being intrigued by the idea of adding to the run that began at the 2018 U.S. Open in pursuit of a non-calendar Grand Slam: "I'm not going to lie and say that thought hasn't crossed my mind."

Osaka is seeded No. 1 at a major for the first time and her play on clay has been much better lately, with a semifinal and a pair of quarterfinals in the run-up to Paris. She also says the thumb and abdominal issues of recent weeks are now resolved.

"I mean, definitely for me, I feel like I should be an all-court player. Honestly, it's been a bit of a ride trying to figure out how to play better on clay throughout these years, but I think this year I have been playing well," said Osaka, who is to play Anna Karolina Schmiedlova in the first round Tuesday. "So I'm really excited to see what happens here."

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ruled the Grade 5 event under the ITF Juniors World Tour without dropping a single set, as he also had a straight set semis victory over No. 3 Matthew Garcia of the Philippines last Saturday, 6-2, 6-1. The South Korean's other wins at the top half of the draw were against Brazil's Nikolas Herbert, 6-0, 6-1; the CNMI's Sean Lee, 6-0, 6-0, and Chinese-Taipei's Hong-Lin Fu, 6-4, 6-4.

Lin also swept his way to the finale, as he topped Japan's Kenta Miyoshi, 6-1, 6-2, in the other semis game. The No. 2 seed earlier routed Japan's Yusen Sato in the second round, 6-1, 6-0; defeated South Korea's Sooyoung Yang in the third round, 6-2, 6-2; and downed Japan's Hiroki Fujita, 6-0, 6-3, to make it to the Final Four.

Meanwhile, the girls singles crown also went to the No. 1 seed in the draw after Japanese Manami Ukita beat the unranked Hui-Geyong Kim in the finals last Saturday, 6-2, 6-2.

Ukita made it to the title game after surviving an all-Japan semis duel against Natsumi Numano, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3. Before outclassing her compatriot, Ukita needed only two sets to eliminate China's Haoyan Wu, 7-5, 6-3, and South Korea's Gio Jang, 6-4, 6-2.

Kim also had one match going to the distance, as she edged Japan's Hiromiu Sekiguchi in the second round, 6-7 (4), 6-2, 6-4. Earlier in the opening round, the South Korean booted out Russia's Sofiya Lebedeva, 6-1, 7-5, while her other straight set victories were recorded against Japan and No. 3 Kanami Hayashige (quarterfinals), 6-2, 6-2, and No. 2 Zijun Jiang of China, 6-1, 6-3.

In other results, Ukita earlier claimed the doubles crown with China's Qianyu Liu. The No. 1 seed pair took the division championship after sweeping the Japanese duo of Hayashige and Rio Osoegawa in the finals, 6-2, 6-1. The Japanese bets moved into the title game following a 6-1, 6-3 triumph over Chinese-Taipei's Lin and Jyun Yi Lee. Liu and Ukita also finished off Japan's Riko Kamikura and Sekiguchi in two sets, 6-4, 6-4, to notch the first finals ticket.

In the boys doubles finals, No. 4 Fu and Shu-Lun Chang of Chinese Taipei pulled off an upset over No. 3 Jang and Gyun Seop Sim, 3-6, 6-3, 10-8.

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deciding to stay at his post, the Kanoa lefty went for a cross using his right foot. Hodges dove, trying to get the save, but was unsuccessful, as he shifted to his right late after anticipating the ball will roll to his left.

Pandemonium broke after Markus hit the game-tying goal, as he was mobbed by his teammates. Four minutes later, another Kanoa celebration erupted, as Markus nailed another goal off an almost similar play.

Again, the smaller, but quicker Manigo initiated the attack, as he dribbled and ran to the left field, while Markus went to the opposite side. This time, it was Cody Shimizu who tried to chase Markus to prevent him from scoring, but the latter's longer stride moved him way ahead of his defender and closer to Hodges. The MP United goalie then leaned to his left anew, as it seemed Markus was gearing toward the corner, but the Kanoa forward tricked Hodges and went for another cross to bring the lead back to his team.

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Kanoa Football Club's Andrew Sablan, right and MP United Football Club's Dev Bachani, center, chase the ball during their title game in the boys U15 division of the 2019 NMIFA Spring Youth League last Saturday at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

Kanoa managed to protect the precarious lead, as it read majority of MP United's offensive attacks, which were focused mainly on Steele. Every time the MP United player got the ball, Kanoa defenders hounded him and unfortunately, Steele's teammates were nowhere to be found near the play to give the trailing squad more offensive options.

Steele then made one final push to tie the match, giving Kanoa quite a scare, as he was fouled by Daniel Mar Pablo while trying to break away. Steele was given a 20-yard free kick and sent the ball over Kanoa's wall of defenders. However, the lob was a bit way off the upper left crossbar. A few seconds after the sorry miss, the final buzzer sounded, handing Kanoa the close win.

"It was definitely a tough victory. I am glad that the boys kept their focus in the game and their emotions in check," said Kanoa coach Irish Pagarao, admitting that Steele's goal early in the second half gave her some anxious moments.

"Of course, that goal got me worried for a while. However, I know we still have a lot of time to catch up and the boys just have to stay calm, work on our plays, and continue moving," she added.

Kanoa had to play MP United for the third time this season to take the division title after the rivals ended up with similar 9-0-1 win-draw-loss records in the double-round robin competition.

The victory in the rubber last weekend was an advance birthday gift for Markus, who is celebrating his birthday today.

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side via the Paseo de Marianas for the last obstacle course—the You Only Thought It Was Over. The obstacle courses were a bit easier that the two previous KONQER: Saipan events, but they were made more challenging by the roaming zombies.

"It was fun running away from the zombies and climbing the obstacles. I liked one obstacle in particular (Roof Top) because I got to help out my teammates complete it. I became a zombie once and was able to steal a flag from an adult. I can't wait until the next KONQER," said 11-year-old Javon Gersonde of Ghost Skeleton, which also had his brother, Ryusei Asai, and Atticus Endo as members.

"It was awesome and we're happy we did it. Zombies could not reach my flag because I'm small. We have a very good team," the 7-year-old Ryusei Asai said.

The Gersonde brothers were KONQER: Saipan first-timers, while Atticus, though he debuted in last Saturday's event, is familiar with the obstacle race, thanks to his dad, KONQER chief experience officer Kaz Endo.

Lauri Boyer of Bank of Guam Warriors is no stranger to KONQER either having joined the 2017 and 2018 events, but admits this year's race was tough.

"Every year is a different challenge and they're all worth the challenge and struggle. Personally, the run was the hardest this year. When you know you have zombies running after you, your heart pans harder and you sprint to avoid them so it was hard when you're out of shape," Boyer said.

"You have to have the agility and endurance for this obstacle, but the climb was easier because they were shorter. All five obstacles, I practically did solo with a few help from my teammates. Overall, it was fun and the best race I've done because it's all teamwork," she said.

After KONQER's stop on Saipan, the obstacle race will head to Guam on July 7 for K11: Attack.

# KONQER Saipan: 'Humans' win, 'zombies' lose

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"Humans" survived KONQER Saipan: Zombie Apocalypse, as the more than 500 participants in last Saturday's obstacle course race made the cutoff time.

Joshua Manglona led the finishers in the Enduro Solo after completing the course in 53:26. In the Enduro Team, Smoke Eaters was the top finisher after clocking in at 1:38:35. In the Business Team category, Triple J A (38:24), Gold's Gym B (39:21), and DFS 2 (39:54) were the Top 3 finishers. The complete list of finishers in all divisions (timed) will be posted at konqersports.com once it is finalized. Participants in the timed divisions would only be considered on the finisher list if they completed the course by 3pm.

KONQER Saipan: Zombie Apocalypse started at the American Memorial Park with the "humans" heading out to the Gov. Eloy Inos Peace Park first for the 5-kilometer run (business teams participants were allowed to skip the run part). A few minutes later, organizers sent off the "zombies" to chase the "humans," as the former aimed to steal the "humanity flag" to take the latter's place and go through the course.

Those who survived the run and made it to the MIHA Housing then had to complete the five obstacle courses—Metal Monster, Spider-Man, Roof Top, Tight Rope, and Fire Man. Once they're done at the MIHA Housing and remained alive, the "humans" headed to Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan beach-

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Lauri Boyer, second right, of Bank of Guam Warriors celebrates on top of the Monster Metal.

A participant is about to finish the obstacle course named "Tight Rope."

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A "zombie," left, chases a "human" to steal the "humanity flag."

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Ryusei Asai Gersonde of Ghost Skeleton takes on one of the five obstacle courses at the MIHA Housing in Garapan.

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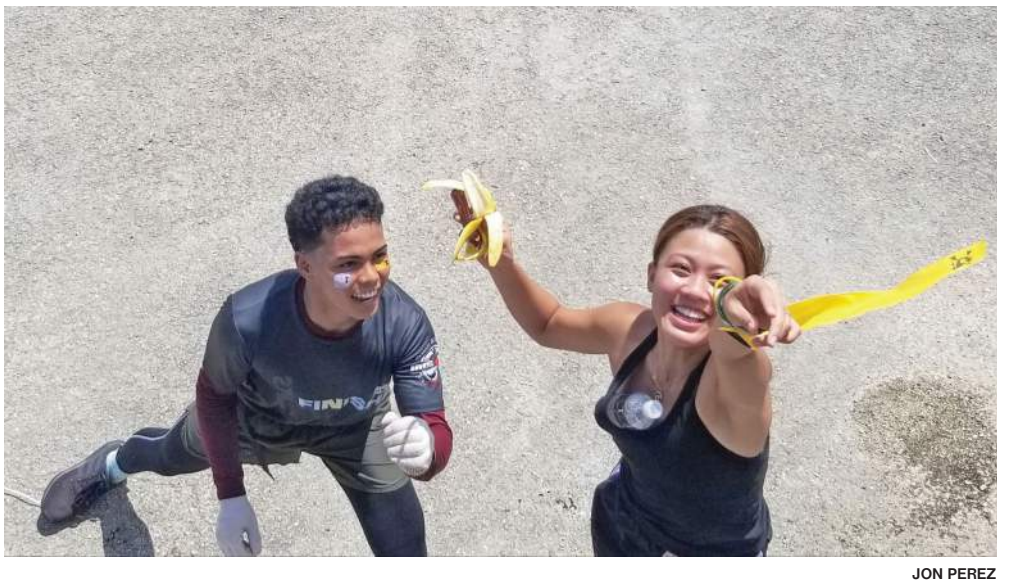
Gold's Gym's Tyce Mister turns into a "zombie" during last Saturday's KONQER Saipan: Zombie Apocalypse.



JON PEREZ
Cris Obaldo, right, beats one of the participants in getting a "humanity flag" that turns "zombies" back into "humans."

JON PEREZ
Members of Team PIC help each other climb the "Roof Top."

"Humans" wait for their turn to try and complete another obstacle course. JON PEREZ

The rain could not prevent two "zombies" from running after a "human." ROSELYN B. MONROYO

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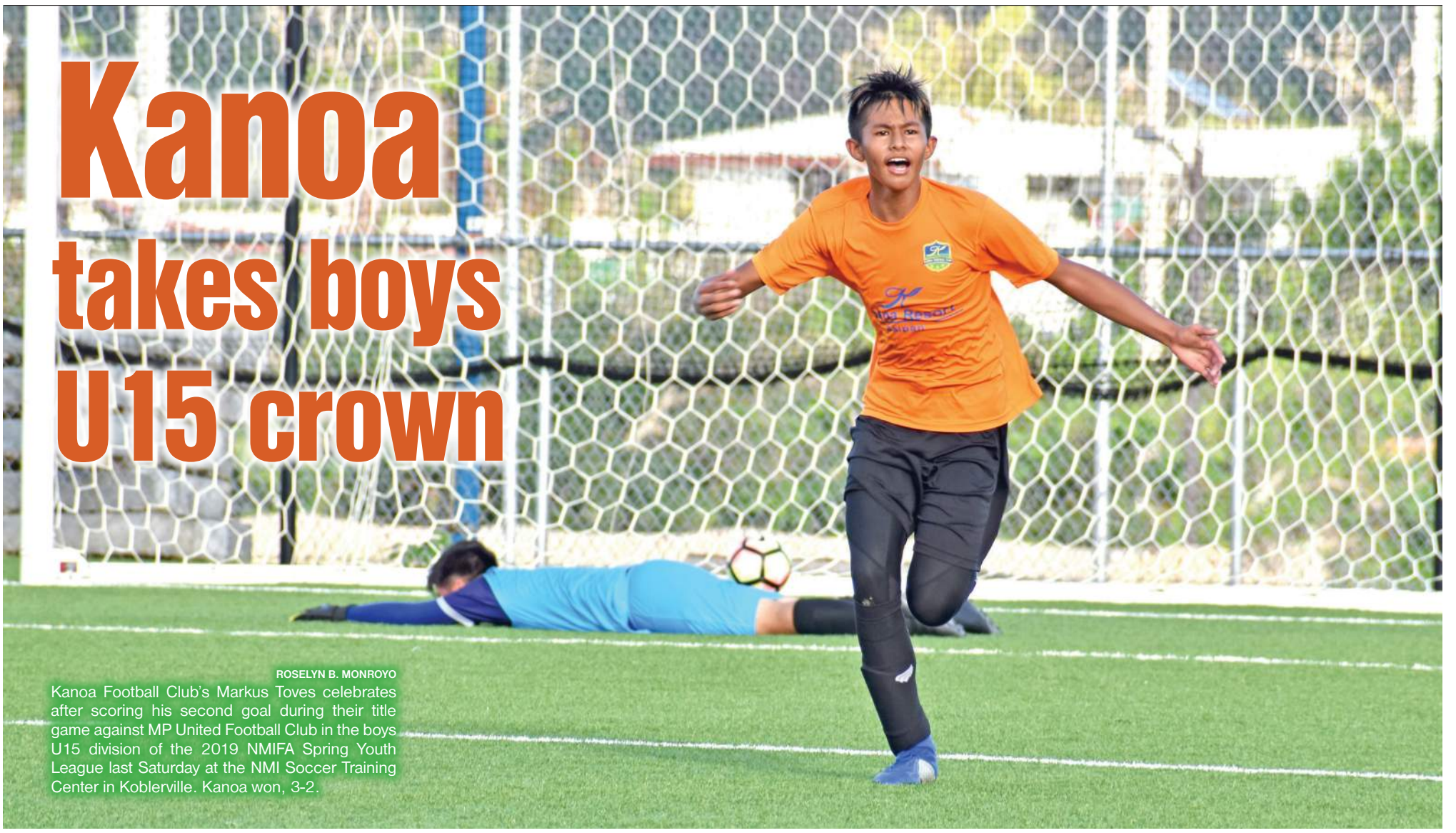
# Kanoa takes boys U15 crown



ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Kanoa Football Club's Markus Toves celebrates after scoring his second goal during their title game against MP United Football Club in the boys U15 division of the 2019 NMIFA Spring Youth League last Saturday at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville. Kanoa won, 3-2.

## Top seeds triumph in ITF Juniors tourney

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South Korea's Yunseok Jang prevailed in the battle for the Top 2 seeds in the boys singles finals of the 2019 Northern Marianas Junior Championships after sweeping Chinese-Taipei's Nan Hsun Lin, 6-1, 6-2, yesterday at the Pacific Islands Club hard courts.

The No. 1 Jang

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
South Korea's Yunseok Jang goes for a backhand return to Chinese-Taipei's Nan Hsun Lin during their boys singles title match in the 2019 Northern Marianas Junior Championships yesterday at the Pacific Islands Club hard courts. Jang won, 6-1, 6-2.

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Kanoa Football Club showed poise in a tightly contested playoff game for the coveted boys U15 title in the 2019 NMIFA Spring Youth League, escaping past MP United Football Club, 3-2, last Saturday at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

Markus Toves delivered all three goals for Kanoa, as he broke MP United's heart with back-to-back shots in a span of four minutes in the second half.

The second and final half of the match started with Kanoa and MP United in a deadlock. Toves found the back of the net right in the second minute of the first half to hand Kanoa the shaky lead, while Richard Steele nailed the equalizer 10 minutes later.

Steele then ended the standoff in the opening minute of the second half when he received a pass from Andy Kim and attacked with Kanoa defender Joe Emil Antonio chasing him, but was a step late. Goalie Merrick Toves was the last line on defense for Kanoa and gambled on moving forward in a bid to grab the ball, but before he could do that, Steele was quick to let go of a kick and the leather rolled straight to the net, putting MP United on top.

However, MP United's hold to the driver's seat did not last long, as four minutes later (43rd minute), Markus got his second goal off a series of good passes. The play started with Andrew Sablan stealing possession from an MP United player past the halfway line and sending the ball over to Jim Kurt Maniago. Maniago then dribbled to the left and fed Markus, who was sprinting on the opposite side against Jeremiah Diaz. With Diaz a few feet behind Markus and MP United goalie Dane Hodges

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Players and officials of Kanoa Football Club's boys U15 team pose for a photo after beating MP United Football Club, 3-2, in a playoff game for the division title last Saturday at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.